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WHEN WALKING IN THE VILLAGE



Please take the 2 meter distancing rules seriously. This protects everyone. It is a simple and very much appreciated courtesy and no one will take offence.

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EDITORIAL

Once again I must thank those people who have provided copy for the Observer so helping to provide a varied and, I hope, interesting read for you. Do please keep the articles coming in.

In 'normal' times, this month would have seen the schedule for the Horticultural Show taking up quite a bit of space, but with it's cancellation there is now a void in the village calendar. Another void is that of the August Bank Holiday; however there is a move afoot to put together a Virtual Gardens Weekend. Do have a look at **page 15** to see if you can help in any way to make this a 'reality' - if only just by providing some pictures of your garden.

It really does bring it home to you that times might be less than safe when the church has to be closed, so it is now reassuring to find that its doors have at last been opened and that services - with appropriate restrictions - are to be allowed again, although weddings, funerals and daily services without hymns will be somewhat strange and will keep the much enjoyed Songs of Praise under wraps for a little longer.

As I cycle round the area along the slightly less quiet roads than was the norm a month ago, I have been made constantly aware of just how much house building is going on in nearby villages; so earlier this week it was a salutary reminder of the imminent increase in our village when I saw that fencing had been put round the field at the top of the Wattisfield Road and the name of the contractor fastened to it. Up until now the Wattisfield Road and beyond has been quiet riding - until one meets the A143! What will happen once the buildings become occupied and what will happen the other way?

We live in interesting times!

It is interesting to see that the other side of the road has yet to be fenced off, preparatory to any house building!

It is to be hoped that this only online edition of the Observer will be the last for some time. It is my intention to produce a 'hard copy' edition for each household in the village, as well as putting it out online. So as long as the regulations for gatherings do not take a nasty turn as a result of the R Number going back above one you may well find a copy of the Observer coming through your letter box at the end of July.





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



Householders are being urged to beware of rogue traders and doorstep callers following reports of Suffolk residents being approached in the last week.

Suffolk Trading Standards said it had received a report on Tuesday (16th June) of rogue traders targeting vulnerable individuals in the Brandon area. The consumers protection department of Suffolk County Council said the traders had offered to clear and jet wash a resident's driveway for £300.Trading Standards believed it could have been an isolated incident as no money had changed hands and the suspects had not returned.

Meanwhile, officials received reports of 'Nottingham knockers' calling at properties in Trimley and Felixstowe on Thursday. So-called Nottingham knockers work in groups across the country, but are not involved in any officially recognised offender rehabilitation programme, and many do not possess a Pedlar's Certificate, issued by police and necessary for salespeople to be legally allowed to sell door-to-door. The scam is believed to have originated in Nottingham.

Suffolk Trading Standards said: "These individuals are claiming to be on a youth offending scheme, attempting to mend their ways, before trying to sell the householder everyday household products at very high prices."Trading Standards always advise residents to refrain from buying at the doorstep and not to buckle to pressure from salespeople offering supposedly one-off 'buy it now' low prices."

Officials have also been alerted to reports of fish sellers calling at properties in nearby Kirton and warned: "These traders travel nationally, cold calling consumers' homes selling the fish.

"This is often misdescribed, mislabelled or unlabelled, overpriced and sometimes underweight.

"They usually use Transit-style vans which may not be refrigerated.

"Our advice is not to purchase."

To report an approach by a suspected rogue trader, Nottingham knocker, fish seller or any unsolicited visitor, call 0808 223 1133.

Finally, Suffolk Trading Standards has received reports of scam phone calls requesting bank details to prevent being overcharged for Amazon Prime subscriptions.

The advice is to hang up and report it on the same number.

The above article was reported by Tom Potter in the East Anglian Daily Times on 19/06/20.

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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

As mentioned last month, work had started on the lobby entrance to the hall and is now complete. The hall now has a bright fresh lobby.

The first fix to the electrics in the kitchen have also been completed.

The Village Hall Charity committee has secured a government Covid grant that means our hall is financially secure despite the enforced lock down.

Given the enforced closure and the new funding acquired securing the finances of the hall, the decision was taken that it would be an ideal opportunity to not only upgrade the kitchen electrics but also to update the entire kitchen area for all the village organisations that use the hall.

The back catalogue of maintenance is continuing to be addressed with 3 double glazed panels being replaced in 2 of fire doors that had blown and were misting up.

The village hall committee are continuing to keep up with government information circulated by CAS (Community Action Suffolk) and at the present time all village halls are to remain shut. Although we are aware that regulations are continuing to be amended and updated. We are reading each new document to assess the many various elements that will need to be addressed for our hall to open its doors again safely.

Hopefully we can welcome you all again soon. Until then keep staying safe and well.

Amanda Ellis



COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following the article in last month's Observer the trustees have now decided to that due to the ongoing COVID19 restrictions this year's AGM will be postponed until the end of September 2020 at the earliest.

As soon as it is practically possible to hold an open meeting in the Memorial Hall then the required 21 days' notice will be published and the necessary arrangements put in place.

Whatever happens the trustees will 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 30th September 2020.

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



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The Helm wind, Britain's only named wind, affects which county?

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

DISCUSSION PAPER 1: HOUSING

The biggest planning issue facing most people in Walsham-le-Willows is housing development.

- How much do we need?
- • What kind do we need?
- • Where do we need it?
- • Where don't we want it
- • What type of ownership?
- Should we set standards of design and quality?

These questions affect both present and future residents of Walsham. Those already living here need the option of being able to up-size or down-size and remain in the village. Thinking and planning for the provision for future residents also needs to be more carefully thought through.

Pressure on the village to accommodate more housing is only likely to increase. The District Council has fallen behind with its timetable to deliver the Local Plan. The Covid pandemic has led to a severe delay in the Council's delivery of their share of the Government's national housing target. Both factors are expected to impact on planning. Larger villages like Walsham are becoming more vulnerable to speculative development. This is where a developer builds on an unsuitable site without proper thought or consideration for the local area or for how the development will impact the existing community. In the absence of any adopted Mid-Suffolk Local Plan and without our own village Neighbourhood Plan (NP), planning guidance usually swings in the favour of the developer, regardless of local need, requirements or concerns.

We believe the continuing development of Cambridge as the major centre for the East of England makes it even more likely commuters will consider moving to this area of Suffolk. An ability to work from home in a rural location is also gaining appeal. A further consequence of the Coronavirus outbreak is the greater desire for people living in towns and cities to move to the countryside. This will only add to the pressure to develop in rural areas.

Unless such social change and political demand is carefully planned for, future development in Walsham-le-Willows will continue to go ahead at a scale determined by others and without proper consideration for the character of the village or the wishes and priorities of our community. As this pressure for housing supply in our part of East Anglia grows, the need for our village to agree a robust and detailed Neighbourhood Plan is ever more urgent. A Neighbourhood Plan must include taking difficult decisions in terms of housing. Part of its requirement is the identification of sites for new homes. But with a Walsham NP in place the community will get a say in where, how much and what sort of development should take place. An NP is an addenda to the upcoming Mid Suffolk Local Plan and will it enable us to have our say in the Council

7 Which British river has one of the highest tidal bores in the world?



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A well-constructed NP will tackle the issue of housing by identifying preferred sites for new houses, setting local limits on housing numbers and density, specifying quality, size and tenure mix and by setting firm rules to prevent overdevelopment. The NP is developed through a close consultation and discussion process within the community and takes about two years to complete. Our Walsham NP plan is already under continued discussion with both Parish and District Councils.

Another positive consequence of having a Walsham NP is that the Parish Council can be empowered to secure a local Housing Association partner to help provide affordable village housing. Such a venture would ensure the provision of tenures such as renting and shared ownership as well as development for privately owned properties. A robust Neighbourhood Plan will enable our community to stipulate requirements for a set of design standards we deem more suited to the culture, character, history and environment of Walsham-le-Willows. It can stipulate for a higher build quality, sustainability and guide developers towards using materials, architectural features and building technology more sympathetic to our village history and landscape as well as the NP's stated aspirations for the future in terms of climate change and sustainability.

It's our view that all future developers must make a substantial contribution to the fabric of village life. This should go beyond the simple confines of their own site. Those applying to develop in Walsham-le-Willows should be obliged under guidelines which will be set out in the NP to make contributions to our chosen community assets. These might not necessarily be funded by the County Council but represent valued distinctive features of our village. Assets such as our infrastructure; for example footpaths, cycleways, allotments, our landscape and wildlife; informal spaces, walks, woodland, verges, hedgerows, water courses, nature havens, our societies and clubs; their buildings, sports and community groups and their facilities, our School, shops and local businesses - all features which enhance the life of our village. The value and importance of these and our community heritage is too often overlooked by the local authority and developers. It should be our mission to get all our assets identified, valued and included in the Walsham-le-Willows Neighbourhood Plan.

We will have little choice but to embrace a degree of future new housing, but with an NP in place the people of Walsham will get a say in how much and what sort of development should be provided, where it will go and what it will look like. A Walsham-le-Willows Neighbourhood Plan is likely the only chance we have of safeguarding the character of our village as we embark on a positive vision of how our community should meet the needs of present and future generations.

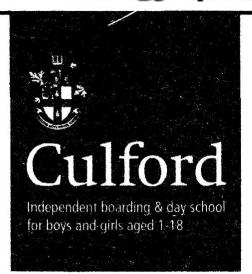
Please join us at a drop in housing and development listening session and surgery on 23rd July in the Church Farm Barn (opposite the Priory Room) from 2pm to 9pm. If you are interested in joining any of our Walsham-le-Willows Neighbourhood Plan

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Which fantasy author, who died in 2015, was knighted in 2009?

groups and for more on The Walsham-le-Willows Neighbourhood Plan: please contact: plan@walsham-le-willows.org or click on village website and follow this link. www.walsham-le-willows.org/neighbourhood-plan





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Which artist's best-known work, 'My Bed', sold for £2.54 million?

SPORTS CLUB NEWS

As treasurer of the Sports Club, I have not enjoyed the absence of income these last three months whilst still getting invoices in to pay. The good news is that the invoices mainly are a result of expenditure on improving the clubhouse whilst it has not been in use, the equipment compound and pitch renovation, We have a new kitchen and freshly decorated rooms inside the building whilst outside the whole area is looking immaculate following grant assistance from Football Foundation and the brilliant work of club volunteers. Grants from government via MSDC for the recreation and hospitality section during Corvid 19 will help keep us afloat even if HMRC vat office takes it back in lieu of the tax we originally claimed back in full on the building of the new changing pavilion back in 2015; a technical issue we did not understand at the time.

It is beginning to look as though July is going to herald further changes in lockdown and if the weather is kind to us, we have every intention of starting up our family nights using the patio and grass areas whilst organising the bar so that we can maintain social distancing and appropriate PPE. There are sufficient toilet facilities to make the evening work.

Organised sports matches for football, cricket and bowls may still be a while off but the playing fields are already back in use for football fitness sessions, cricket nets and a Tuesday night 'roll up' on the bowling green. Activities such as Boot camps, Walking football fitness sessions and tennis have returned. Yoga is planned for a Thursday afternoon outside when the weather is suitable.

It would give everyone in the Sports Club a boost to see families back up the Summer Road providing regulations permit and people are once again comfortable to socialise with each other so :-

Friday 3rd July will see a limited bar open from 6pm, a barbecue on the go and wideopen spaces to use. You do not have to spend anything if you wish to bring your own food and soft drink, we would just love to see as much of the village out enjoying themselves as possible. We will do the same on Saturday 4th July if it works. Plans are in place for some live music entertainment on some Summer nights and a proposed massive picnic is being discussed.

As a volunteer led organisation that hopefully serves the village and local community we are always looking for people to help out in any way possible. You don't even have to like sport but if you wished to get involved please contact Mike Powles on 07379 089890 for an informal chat.

The club has supported many charities over the last few months and would like to promote an event for the Samaritans which is a 26.2 mile activity during July called Samarathon. You only have to do the 26.2 miles during the whole month and if you would like to help please contact Vince Palmer on 07885 235348 and mention the sports Club

ALL SUBJECT TO WEATHER AND REGULATIONS

Ian Campbell



Which artist painted 'The Laughing Cavalier?

HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE

This year's **Historic Churches Ride** has been pencilled in for **Saturday 12th September**, but this date has yet to be confirmed by the organising committee. I would hope, though, that even if the official one is cancelled that there are sufficient people in the village who might enjoy cycling round to churches in the surrounding countryside to raise money for very worthwhile causes - namely St Mary's and the Congregational Church.

On the official ride many churches have no one to sign sponsor forms so that self-registration is quite frequent, so if there is an unofficial ride then self-registration would be the order of the day. Maybe start and finish times could be recorded and photos taken at churches visited offered as proof to the doubters.

By mid-September there may well be a number of pubs and cafes open - having organised themselves to take into account the social distancing criteria which will then be operating. So a good day out, meeting up with friends and family, could well be on the cards.

So watch out for further information in next month's Observer, and in the meantime why not get out on your bike and enjoy the somewhat quieter Suffolk roads, very many of them are very lightly used and provide wonderful exercise and lovely views of the surrounding countryside.



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VIRTUAL GARDENS WEEKEND

As notified in last month's Observer this year's **Open Gardens Weekend** has been cancelled. However a small group of us would like to produce a **Virtual Gardens Weekend** on the **Walsham-le-Willows website** so as to keep the Open Gardens in people's minds and so show them **what they're missing and can see** next year at the belated Fortieth Gardens Weekend.

If you would allow us to use your garden in a virtual tour contact **Ian Toulson** - using the details at the front of this issue. What is required is a very brief description of the garden (in three or four sentences), **a dozen photographs** (landscape format **please**) of plants and features in the garden - if you don't feel up to taking the pictures yourself Lesley Foster will be happy to take them.

We will also take a video clip of your garden, and these will be backed by some appropriate music or alternatively by your verbal commentary as to how the garden has developed or the planting – whatever you prefer. This would be recorded separately from the video and the two combined later.

Any member of the public viewing the virtual tour would be shown a list of the gardens with their brief descriptions and they could then decide which they wish to 'visit' just as they would if they were to attend the actual Weekend.

We will need to get going pretty quickly in order to include as many gardens as possible that -15 to 20 would be ideal - as it will take some time to take and collate the photos and videos and we would like to have everything ready by mid-August at the latest.

Lesley Foster 07952 937081



WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

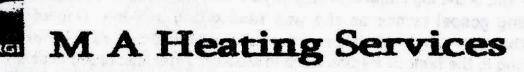
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For the uninitiated, the rules of So-Doku are very simple.

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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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The film Walk the Line' was based on the life of which singer?

TWENTY-TWENTY-ONE DIARY

Over the years I have produced items to sell outside Rolfes, in the run-up to Christmas, to raise money for the village hall and also St Mary's. It started with calendars then progressed through books of poetry and a puzzle book to a diary. I thought that the first one would be the only one; however last summer, whilst taking a break in North Walsham, for Mary Jane's birthday, I found myself coming up with rhyming couplets about the environment; this was stimulated by the Extinction Rebellion demonstrations which were taking place at the time. It was then a short step to realise that these could become the page bottoms for another diary.

On my return home I quickly put together the 2020 Thinkers Diary, and then, as Mary Jane has found all too frequently, I was obsessed and immediately found myself producing a 2021 diary - which I suspect will be my last. This one, though, is possibly the best one of the three.

For each week there is a puzzle, of which there are ten different varieties. Codewords, Su-Doku, Countdown, Anagrams, Arithmetic, Crosswords, More or Less, Dingbats, Searching for Words and Connections. Only three of these have been culled from other sources than my own 'twisted' imaginings. Dingbats were the greatest fun to produce - even sitting through a local concert coming up with quite a number of possibilities.

The 2019 diary had Lives in Six Words as the page bottoms, the 2020 diary had the rhyming couplets, and for the 2021 diary I came up with the idea of limericks, so each puzzle has a related limerick beneath it.

So why, in mid-summer, am I banging on about diaries - surely they are for Christmas! You are dead right!

As you will be all too aware the Church Fete and Gardens Weekend - both money raisers for the St Mary's - have been cancelled meaning that there will be severe shortfall in the vital income to keep the church running. I shall once again be selling copies of the diary outside Rolfes and also buying copies, myself, to send to friends and relations as small Christmas presents. I am hoping that you might feel like buying a few copies for your friends and relations and so spread a little Christmas cheer as well as helping to support the church at this difficult time.

If you would like to order a number of copies then please email your order to me, before the end of the month, and I can then put the order through to the printers. I hope that, even if you don't put in an order for a number of copies, you will support this venture.

I will again be asking for a suggested minimum donation of £5 per copy.

With this diary I hope you'll have fun Right through from week number one; With a puzzle each week -But don't have a peek At answers till each puzzle's been done.

Ian Toulson

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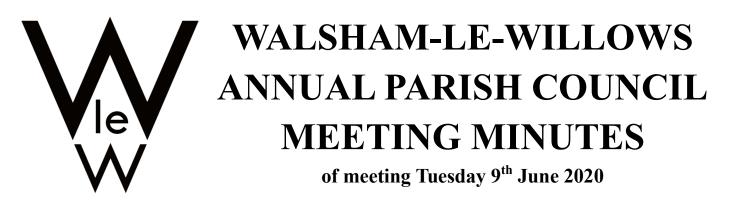
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online via Zoom due to Coronavirus restrictions. Members of the public were able to join the meeting to observe or make representations by registering in advance with the Clerk.

PRESENT Cllrs. Arbon, Bartholomew, Belson, Ellis, Kinnair, Mecrow & Roberts. 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 Apologies none received
- 1.2 The minutes for the meeting held on 12th May 2020 were unanimously approved.
- 1.3 To receive pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests of members none
- 1.4 To consider applications for dispensation none
- 1.5 **Public Open Forum** No members of the public present.

1.14 **County and District Reports** – Cllrs Fleming & Meyer presented their respective reports for questions. These included for the County, public county council meetings resumed by live streaming, advice for businesses, public health services during Covid-19, dental care, schools re-opening, EDF development consent order, Suffolk recycling centres reopening of more services, Suffolk Heritage explorer website and Reminder about the school transport opt-in. And for the District, Trees for Life scheme, new extended Covid-19 grant scheme for small businesses, safer spaces for lockdown easing, Stick with It Suffolk (updates on Covid-19 lockdown changes, parking, and public toilets reopening. Full reports can be found on the village website at: https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/ explore/governance-community/parish-council/

Letter re breakdown of district council spend on Covid-19 Action Cllr Meyer to circulate

Cllr Belson passed on his thanks for the good work that Highways have been doing in recent weeks in and around Walsham. Cllr Fleming was grateful for this positive feedback and will pass it on, on behalf of the Parish Council. It was noted however that the repainting of white lines at the Six Bells crossroads has still not been completed.

Clerk raised the complaint from a Parishioner about the hedge encroachment and consequent pavement narrowing along The Causeway. Cllr Fleming advised a

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Which is larger: a size 0 egg or a size 7 egg?

letter to the hedge owner in the first instance. Action Clerk.

Cllr Fleming left the meeting [19:18]

DISCUSSION PLANNING DECISIONS – referred to Cllrs Fleming and Meyer for input

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 **Listed Building Consent Refused By MSDC** Cllr Meyer reiterated as per his email, that during lockdown all applications are being considered without the benefit of a site visit and making the information included with the application much more important. As this is an application for listed building consent the officers therefore erred on the side of caution and it is possible that a more detailed application (and comment by Parish Council) may have secured a different result. Another application has been suggested in a few months. Action Cllr Meyer to make enquiries about this with Heritage support.

APPLICATION DC/20/01011 Proposal: Non material amendment to application DC/19/04146 granted 16th October 2019 - (i) Additional window created in kitchen. (ii) Replace approved brickwork finish to extensions with painted render, colour to match existing. Location: Namaste, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BD Refused By MSDC The main reason for the refusal I suspect is an objection by the neighbour who did not want regular intrusion onto their property to maintain the render. Another issue is that the wall should have constructed of faced brick but has been completed in blockwork; in theory the Council could insist in the wall being rebuilt to comply with the planning consent.

2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED (plus any received after the publication of this agenda)

Application For Works To Tree(S) In A Conservation Area - DC/20/01883 Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - T1 (Field Maple)- Pollard leaving at 2 metres tall Location: Maltings, Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BZ Parish Council did not wish to object

3 PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning)

Application for Discharge of Conditions for 1352/17 - Condition 7 (Details of Estate

Road and Footpaths), Condition 10 (Manoeuvring and parking of vehicles), Condition 20 (Surface Water Management Plan), Condition 21 (Construction

21 What name is given to a hybrid of a grapefruit and a tangerine?



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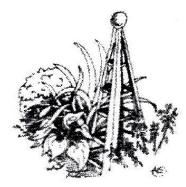
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4 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 **Development & Neighbourhood Plan** The Clerk has hosted 2 meetings so far on the Parish Council Zoom account. Discussion paper on housing was presented on 4th June, planning further public engagement under lockdown, a July newsletter on housing to all households, possibly a socially distanced, by appointment, drop-in day in late July and another in August, maybe open air, a competition, posters, online engagement. Engaging the community during lockdown is an added obstacle but plans are afoot.
- 4.2 **Streetlighting conversion** update, Clerk has been advised that phase I complete and has chased for invoice or part invoice. Pearce and Kemp are chasing suppliers and will get back about commencement of phase ll. Cllr Fleming has advised that there is after all no support available from county budgets - only assistance to obtain Public Works loans. Action Clerk to email Cllr Fleming to see if she can make an intervention to get Phase l invoiced asap.
- 4.3 **Community Council update** Cllrs. Ellis and Bartholomew advised that first fix of kitchen electrics is complete. Quotes for the floor will be obtained before the 2nd fix of electrics is commissioned. £2000 of new grant funding from the Town Farm Charity has been received for funding the kitchen electrical work.

The receipt of new grant funding means that the Community Council/Memorial Hall charities can function pending the lifting of lockdown. The Community Council continues to meet and is making good progress on instructions given by the Charity Commission and at the same time using the lockdown to prepare for re-opening of the hall. The work undertaken by new committee since they were elected will be presented in the proper way as soon as an AGM can be held. In the meantime, monthly updates are published in the Observer.

- 4.4 **Parking Finningham Road blind bend** –Cllr Bartholomew advised that this remains on hold pending lifting of Coronavirus lockdown. Channels of communication being kept open.
- 4.5 **Street Cleaning** update, Clerk advised that PPE given to street cleaner and that the return of signed acknowledgement is awaited. Reduced workload now that end of year financial submissions are almost done means that the work on the Statement of Particulars (contract) can be completed.
- 4.6 **Re-designating the Six Bells as an Asset of Community Value** Clerk advised that this had been confirmed in writing as in place for another 5 years.
- 4.7 **Annual Parish Meeting** by statute should be held before 1st June. Lockdown has prevented this. Clerk awaits further advice on what councils will be required to do as and if, lockdown eases further. To b removed from Matters Arising.
- 4.8 Parish Council Risk Assessment Reduced workload now that end of year



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financial submissions are almost done means that the work on a revised risk register can commence soon.

- 4.10 **Highways Bridge Work** Clerk advised that all those reported have now been completed but that the Clarkes kerb was immediately damaged again.
- 5 CORRESPONDENCE
- 5.1 **Email about overgrown hedges on The Causeway** This was discussed, and it was agreed that a letter should be written. Action Clerk
- 5.2 **Request for street names for Wattisfield Road development** The suggestions, along with historical rationale, made by Cllr. Belson were considered. It was unanimously agreed to put forward two names: PYES CLOSE and THE SEYKE Action Clerk

6 **REPORTS**

6.1 Clerk's report & financial report to 31st May 2020 & request for payments. The summary of payments has been signed digitally against invoices, or otherwise authorised, by Councillors Bartholomew and Kinnair pending wet signature at later date.

#	Payee	Amount	Description
1	Stowmarket Skip Hire	£250.00	Green Waste Skip
2	James Wheeler	£630.00	Closed Churchyard Tree Works
3	CGM Group	£180.00	Play Area Grass cutting
4	Thomas Hunter	£56.00	Play Area Maintenance
5	Thomas Hunter	£122.08	Street sweeping
6	Kevin Boardley	£14.39	Reimbursement Zoom Subscription
7	Parish Council Employee	£709.86	Wages
8	HMRC	£382.11	PAYE
9	SALC	£282.00	Internal Audit
#	Payments In Ref	Amount	Description

- **6.1.1 Problem Reports SCC** Clerk advised no reports other than that prompted by Cllr Roberts reminding the Clerk about the playground warning sign on the junction of Townhouse Road and Jolly's Way had been knocked over. Clerk to report to Highways. Responses from SCC Highways indicate that some work may be done on the footpath bridges to either side of the Ixworth Road near Betty's Bridge.
- **6.1.2** Audit Clerk advised that casting error on annual statement had been corrected [noted in section 11 of internal audit report]; there were no other recommendations and one comment re the posting of donations Section 142 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the Parish Council to assist voluntary organisations who provide individuals with information and advice concerning their rights and

²⁵ Which contagious disease sparked a global health crisis in 2014?

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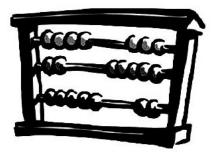
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obligations. i.e these do not need to be posted as s.137 payments; a minor ledger error was also corrected. Following approval of the Annual Statement all required documentation will be submitted to the External Auditor.

- **6.1.3 Monthly reconciliation and end of year bank reconciliation statement** approved for wet signature at later date. Clerk to pass to Cllr Roberts for wet signature.
- 6.1.4 Annual Governance & Accountability Return Section 1 The Parish Council approved section 1, confirming that all internal control objectives had been met. Proposed Cllr Kinnair, seconded Cllr Bartholomew and carried unanimously. Clerk to pass to Cllr Roberts for wet signature before submission to external auditor.
- **6.1.5** Annual Governance & Accountability Return Section 2 The Parish Council approved section 2. Proposed Cllr Bartholomew, seconded Cllr Ellis and carried unanimously. Clerk to pass to Cllr Roberts for wet signature before submission to external auditor.
- **6.1.6 Exercise of Public Rights (period when accounts can be inspected)** the Clerk advised that the external auditor will be advised that these will run for 30 working days from 1st July
- **6.1.7 Transfer to reserve account and allocation of reserves** it was decided to wait to see what the position is once first phase of streetlighting has been paid and for development on Play Area expenditure.
- 6.2 Play Area
 - Play Council/Parish Council governance relationship Clerk advised that the AGM of the Play Council was held on the morning of 29th May 2020. It was noted that consent to dissolution had been received from the Charity Commission. Santander has advised that they have all the information they need to close the Play Council account and transfer the balance to the Parish Council to be ringfenced for Play Area development. Once the final statement is received this will be passed, with final accounts, to Caroline Niall for independent examination. Once the accounts are independently approved the Play Council will effectively be dissolved. It was agreed that next stage should commence whilst we wait for the fund's independent examination of the accounts. Action Clerk to contact the representatives of the OTT to facilitate the surrender of the current lease and issuance of new lease with all references to the Play Council removed.



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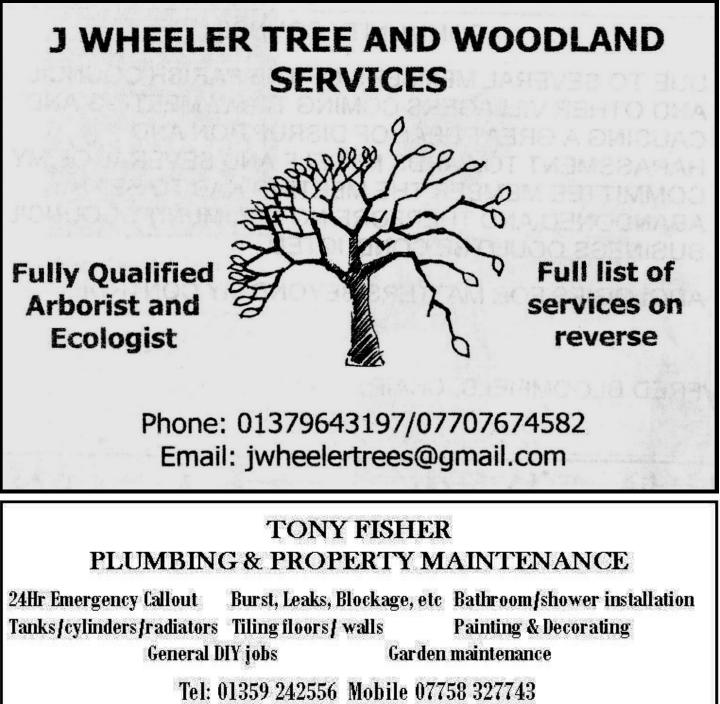


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Cllr Kinnair advised that Joe Jesney and Emma Wade are still keen to be involved with the Play Park and its development. **Cllr Kinnair** to sound out his contacts about the submission of the application for funding.

- Email received from Chair of Play Council, Joe Jesney advising that 200 club ticket monies were not all collected. This was not helped by lockdown restrictions. Joe kindly donated to pay the last winner as the funds raised did not cover this. Joe offered a personal donation to cover the remaining amounts that were due to be collected but the Parish Council has gratefully declined this kind offer. £50 cash paid to Emma Wade (Vice Chair, Play Council) to purchase paint for the Play Area has been paid over to the Parish Council. Emma has advised that she will pass on documentation for the Parish Council record that relate to the last consultation exercises that the volunteers undertook.
- **Closure signage** Clerk advised that this has been replaced by Cllr Roberts and photographs are on file as evidence of this effort to dissuade from use of the Play Area during lockdown. The insurance company has acknowledged that this is a proportionate response in the circumstances.
- 6.3 Footpath Warden Cllr Belson nothing to report
- 6.4 **Tree Warden Cllr Belson** nothing to report

7 **OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** - None

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

- 8.1 Cllr Mecrow asked question about last litter pick which was held in February and is normally done again just before Gardens Weekend in August. It was noted that the litter situation was not looking too bad now and that the verges had been cut which has not revealed a lot of litter. There has been some fly tipping just outside the village. **Clerk to report** to highways
- 8.2 Cllr Mecrow [?] reported quite a lot of activity around the Wattisfield Road development.
- 8.3 Clerk raised correspondence received again about Local Electricity supply Bill. Parish Councillors of the view that they information sent through does not give them enough information on which to make an informed decision.
- 8.2 Clerk noted that Churchyard Wall repairs needed to be chased with contractor.

Meeting closed at 21:13 Kevin Boardley, Proper Officer, Clerk to Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council





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As the doors of the church are once more to be opened please do join with us, it would be lovely to welcome you amongst us. The services times are 11.00am & 6.30pm and the preachers expected for the month are as follows:

Preachers for July 2020

5	Dr. David Allen	(Walsham-le-Willows Congregational Church)
12	Mr. Stephen Myers	(Wattisham Baptist Chapel, Suffolk)
19	Rev. Stephen Holland	(Westhoughton Evangelical Church, Lancashire)

26 Mr. Johnathan Davey (Ebenezer Baptist Church, old Hill, West Midlands)

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Psalm 122:1

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Who was the English monarch at the time of The Gunpowder Plot?

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTORY

As I write this article towards the end of June, it is with having learnt in the last few hours that our churches can thankfully begin welcoming congregations back for Public Worship, from 4th July, albeit on a limited scale. Funerals and weddings will be required to keep to a maximum of 30 people, and although I am waiting to hear specific instructions for our churches, from the Government and Bishop's Office, I suspect the same maximum numbers will apply for the rest of our services; although I would be rather loath to go down the route of 'ticket only.'

The size and layout of our churches will dictate which can open and what manner of worship is applicable; adhering to strict social distancing. I am extremely pleased to already have a wedding booked for the 4th July, and another two weeks later. I envisage that Sunday and mid-week worship will be 'Said Services' only for the time being, with all manner of singing on hold a little longer; details of forthcoming services will be on the relevant notice-boards.

As I have mentioned before, it has been wonderful the many ways in which people across our community and beyond have responded to the lockdown. We've heard about people picking up prescriptions and food, having meaningful rather than rushed conversations on the phone, cooking meals, walking the dog, and co-ordinating the volunteers. At the same time I am extremely grateful to those who have contributed food and money via myself for the local foodbank. Others have been involved in having story time with grandchildren on Skype and Zoom, and turning out on Thursday evenings to thank all our key workers.

Hopefully many of these positive things will last after the crisis is over; and some good things will have come out of the difficulties; - the realisation of how much community spirit there is, of how much people really do care for each other, even the reduction of traffic of all sorts and therefore in emission of 'greenhouse gasses.'

We know that we have had to isolate to protect others as well as ourselves, but it has felt rather counter intuitive to not shake someone's hand in greeting, or to hug a friend. Life won't be the same again for many; there will be the 'do you remember during lockdown....' stories. And of course, for many, many thousands who have lost loved ones, life will always be heartbreakingly different. There has of course been ample time reflecting on how we can actually manage with less, and that time spent with loved ones is not to be wasted.

I particularly like this recent quote by the Reverend Kristin Miles, Priest at Trinity Church, Wall Street, U.S.A;

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ALEX IS STILL BAKING!

It was only a relatively short time ago, but already it feels like ages. A time, when going out may have been to catch up with friends, to spend time with family or perhaps to buy food for a planned barbeque.

And for the barbeque, where better to go than Rolfe's in Walsham with their wide range of superb meats, hams, cheeses and beautifully prepared dishes. It is also where I'd normally be selling my bread.

I've been baking sourdough bread for a number of years. Being a much slower process than that for conventional bread, it is, in its own way, quite a therapeutic mechanism. I had no previous experience or training, but just thought I'd give it a go.

As many of you will know, sourdough bread is made by the fermentation of dough using naturally occurring yeasts and lactobacilli. Broadly speaking, the yeast produces carbon dioxide and ethanol, which leavens the dough. The lactic acid bacteria metabolize sugars that the yeast cannot, while the yeast metabolizes the by-products of lactic acid fermentation. It is the lactic acid which gives it a slightly sour taste and improved keeping.

Sourdough is not a single type of bread; it is a method of developing a dough which can then be used to make a wide range of breads. Sourdoughs generally have a much higher water content than non-sourdough bread and this facilitates a more open structure and crumb. It also has a relatively low glycaemic index compared with other types of bread.

I had been selling my bread sporadically and usually only to relatively few people, locally. But then, on one miserable February afternoon in 2018 in a flash of inspiration, I decided to go over to Walsham and talk to Paul. I'd never met him before and had only been to the shop a couple of times. I took a couple of loaves with me, explained who I was, what I did and would he be interested in selling my bread. That was it....we agreed that I would come along each Saturday morning to offer a variety of sourdough breads for sale. It was the shortest, successful job interview I'd ever had! And, over the past two years, I'd like to feel that I've built up quite a reasonable following.

However, at the beginning of March this year the government introduced significant social restrictions...lock-down...in order to limit the spread of COVID-19. As a consequence, Paul was obliged to significantly limit the number of customers in the shop at any one time and, for the safety of all, we decided that I should no longer be at the shop on a Saturday morning.

But, I am still baking! I bake each week, and sell it via WhatsApp groups to the local communities. In response to popular demand, I am also baking – and selling – various pastries; croissants, pain au chocolat, pain au raisin, brownies, biscotti and brioche.

So, although I'm not currently at Paul's each Saturday morning, my bread is still available for you...Alex is still baking!

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All bloody clouds, and bloody rains, No bloody kerbs, no bloody drains, The Council's got no bloody brains, In bloody Orkney.

Everything's so bloody dear, A bloody bob, for bloody beer, And is it good? - No bloody fear, In bloody Orkney. The bloody 'flicks' are bloody old, The bloody seats are bloody cold, You can't get in for bloody gold In bloody Orkney.

The bloody dances make you smile, The bloody band is bloody vile, It only cramps your bloody style, In bloody Orkney.

No bloody sport, no bloody games, No bloody fun, no bloody dames Won't even give their bloody names In bloody Orkney.

Best bloody place is bloody bed, With bloody ice on bloody head, You might as well be bloody dead, In bloody Orkney.

Captain Hamish Blair

Editor's Note: It could have been 'bloody' anywhere during 'bloody' lockdown!!



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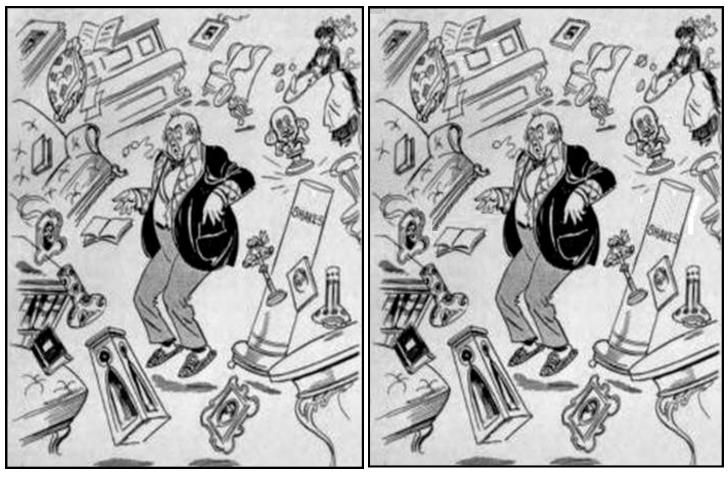
The editor declaimed down the phone 'O for a muse of fire, that would ascend/The brightest heaven of invention'. The muse is rather quiet these days, but, turning over the pages of the Desert Island book, we arrive at one of the Bard's most cheerful comedies. 'Four weddings and no funeral' has been said. The older Duke has been banished from his palace, and is living in the forest. It's cold at night, but he is free of flatterers, and knows the score. He is virtually in Lockdown, 'exempt from public haunt'.

'Sweet are the uses of adversity' he says. He can find 'tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything.' Theatres were often closed in Shakespeare's time because of various plagues. The Queen, who had a bath occasionally whether she needed it or not, avoided crowds. They survived, even if England was not as merrie as supposed.

Jaques



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There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the room becomes a complete disaster area!!

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are sibling fun and nothing else. We jump upon the cupboard tops rubber necking to see what's up then romp around the kitchen chairs scattering staff gear far and near. Our best to date a biscuit pack lifted out from the lady's sack but rescued by her ladyship before we'd tasted, had a lick. You see, us cats are lively scamps we're boisterous and we are the champs; there'll not be a dry eye in the house while we hone our skills for catching mice!

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When ringing begins again visit us on practice night, Friday 7.30 - 9.00 pm.

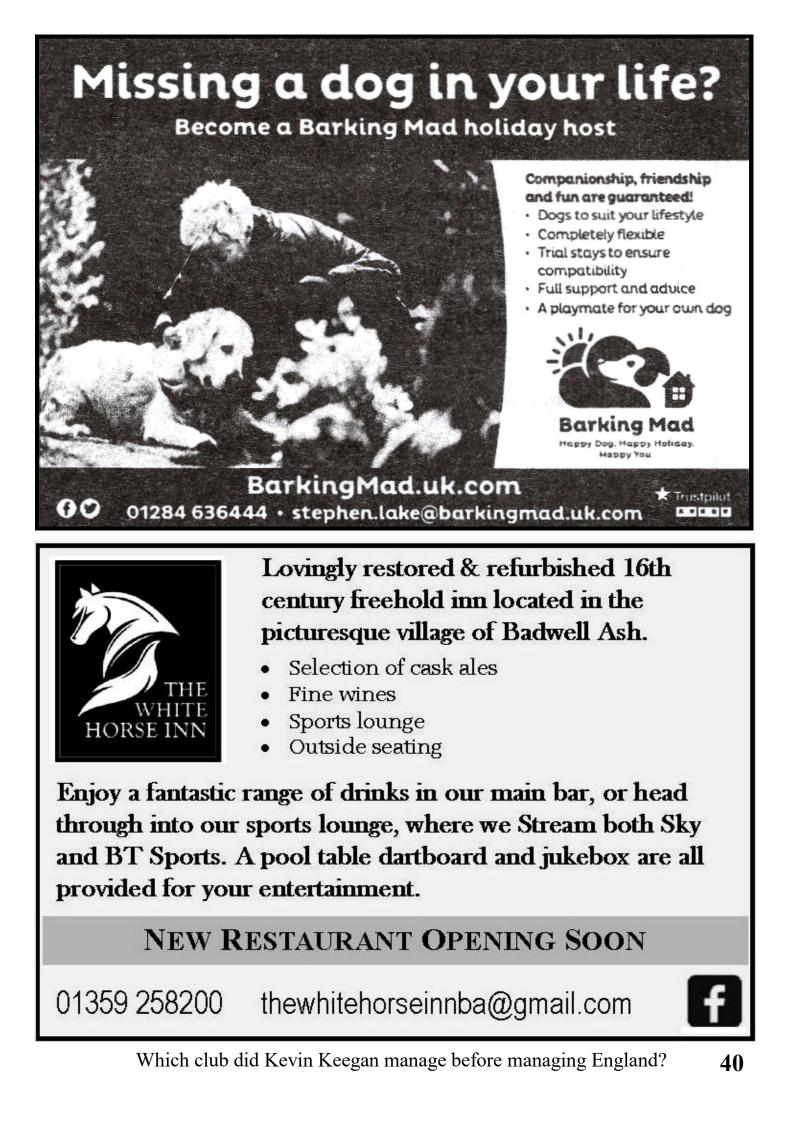
Watch it all happen, see if you would like to learn, or return, if you learnt some time ago. No great strength or musical ability is needed, just reasonable coordination. It is a pastime suitable for 12 to 80 year olds!

The Ringers



Just another quiet day on the roads in the time of Corona?

Who in tennis could lift the Suzanne Lenglen Trophy?



WHEN LONDON CAME TO WALSHAM

Lockdown has prompted a desire to record some of our village history before it gets lost in the mists of time, I hope these meanderings are not too boring for you all.

Sometime in in the mid-fifties of the last century, a chap called Alf Hodgekiss retired from his job in London at the motor company Vanden Plas to move to Woolpit and enjoyed the experience sufficiently for him to encourage his past workmates to bring their cricket team for a game in Suffolk against Woolpit and another game against Coldham Hall. The experience was good and Les Tuck the landlord, at the time, of the Six Bells who was quick to spot an opportunity for business so invited them to Walsham Le Willows to see if the facilities would be suitable for a match against our own village team the following year. The match and convivial company were clearly a great success and friendships formed that day that have lasted for the past 68 years.

One of their players still at school but being taken on as an apprentice, Bill Moffatt, was 15 at the time of the first game and who has just had his 84th birthday. His name is above the bar in the Sports Club as he and colleagues came to officiate at the opening of the bar and lounge on 1st April 1989. I am not sure I can tap into his early memories now but our resident author, Hubby Frost, recalls a return fixture to London at Whitsun weekend in 1958 when part of the day was spent looking round the factory where they all worked. Bryan Garrard missed that first game but has been central to keeping the link going and we have an old bat hanging in the Sports Club that was presented to Teddy Hubbard on his 50th game against 'the Vandies' signed by all the players.

I was a late arrival in the village in 1970 so have no information on the highlights of matches prior to my participation but I do not imagine they were any less unrepeatable than the ones I experienced. My perspective is limited to competitive matches followed by copious amounts of alcohol at the Six Bells and rousing sing-a-longs with Bob HIngerton on the pub piano. The team was normally accompanied by spectators to fill the coach and the poor driver was driven to distraction trying to extricate his passengers back into their seats before heading back to London. My trip back to Clay Street probably took as long as theirs did to London; on one occasion when decorating our bedroom, I failed to disengage my leg from my trousers and disappeared backwards breaking the dressing table mirror.

I have attempted to extract Vanden Plas memories from Colin Timms but all I got was " Do you remember when we used the ground in London with no showers but the big communal bath and someone said – what is that floating in the water ?. When the reply came from one of our players (name supplied on request) that it was a plaster that had come off from the boil on his bottom, you have never seen people leave the water so quickly". I am not sure what it says about us all if that is what constitutes a highlight.

As we got older and competitive cricket became impossible (bear in mind there was no new blood joining the works team as eventually Vanden Plas morphed in British Leyland and the 'Works' were no more) we turned to golf and disappeared off to Spain for more copious drinking and a week's worth of whacking a little white ball around. We still managed an annual golf match on home soil with our own version of the Ryder Cup but even that has faded as we can no longer see the ball, hear the conversation and, in my case, cannot even manage more than a couple of pints – sad really. Many good friends are no longer with us but our memories of them, are – happy days!

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ACROSS

- 1. The track of an endless locust. (5)
- Sounds like one's produced this colour.
 (3)
- 7. Depart from the simple average. (5)
- 8. Sleigh rider finds an insect in South Africa. (5)
- 9. Rudolph's dancing partner. (7)

- **10.** Pirates iron arrangements for breath. (11)
- 13. Macbeth's wasteland is shot to pieces.(7)
- **15.** Expel from the victorious team. (5)
- 16. Stress may be in past or present form.(5)
- 17. Come across an idiot in passing. (3)
- **18.** Spread anger around. (5)

DOWN

- Was Frank not as great with his songs?
 (6)
- 2. Tests cannot be changed for competitors. (11)
- **3.** Knock back one's friends. (4)
- 4. Old airline with a hat. (6)
- 5. Detail of the varied striped icon. (11)
- **6.** Close to a cardinal listener. (4)
- **11.** Meant to camp somehow. (6)
- **12.** Snuggle up to the food producer. (6)
- 13. Wager a Greek character comes second.(4)
- 14. This animal might go back to grass. (4)

SPEEDING TRAFFIC IN WALSHAM

We, the undersigned, are writing on behalf of residents who live at the eastern edge of Walsham-le-Willows, on or just off Finningham Road. Vehicles come round the bend into the village at speeds of 40 or 50 mph, sometimes faster, with no regard for residents pulling out of driveways There are very few of us who haven't had a near miss and although we are aware of the danger, there is little we can do when someone comes hurtling round the bend.

Lots of people use Finningham Road for exercise, dog walking and cycling and the need for safety is even greater now, when people are being encouraged to take more exercise locally.

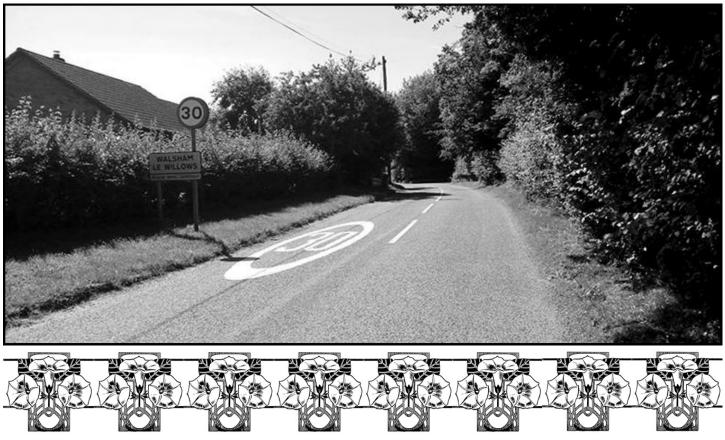
In the past we were led to understand that nothing could be done to ease the danger. But surely now with the availability of cameras which are more mobile, the police could carry out regular checks on traffic entering the village.

And extra permanent signage a little further out of the village would be useful as well, because the 30mph sign is only a few metres from the first residences.

If the police and council highways department work together with us, we are sure a solution can be found.

We have been made aware of other speeding problems within the village so It would be to all our benefit to have more speed enforcement.

> Mark & Linda Reynolds, Graham Perrin, Patrick & Lesley Foster, Roger & Jayne Shears, Neil & Diana Pillage, Liam & Anita Nicholl, Tim & Shirley Bushell and Micky & Laura Farrow



In the name of the comedy quiz, what does QI stand for?

Upstairs

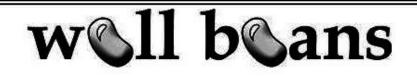
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Which actor plays the murder detective in BBC's Luther?

EVERY LITTLE THING WILL BE ALRIGHT BISCUITS

Ingredients:

50 grams of sugar100 grams of butter or margarine150 grams of self raising flour

Flavours:

3 to 4 drops of Vanilla essence (currants, nuts)
One tablespoon of cocoa
One teaspoon of ginger (chopped crystallised ginger)
One heaped teaspoon of cinnamon
3 or 4 drops of almond essence (chopped apricot or nuts)
Basically anything you fancy

Method:

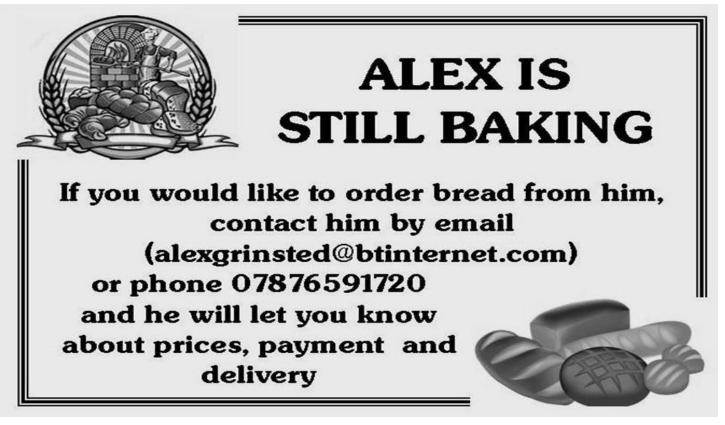
In a bowl or large jug place all the ingredients and smash together with a fork or a hand whisk until a bowl of crumbs just beginning to bind appears.

Roll by hand walnut sized balls of the mixture and place on a greaseproofed baking tray. Take a fork and flatten the balls.

Cook for 10 minutes at 160 degrees.

Once you have the hang of this it takes 15 minutes from beginning to end and they last minutes. They have never gone wrong so every little thing will be alright.

Give it a go with the kids. It will not go wrong.



What is Terry's surname in the TV series 'Minder'?

A HISTORY OF ELMSIDE (from pigs to people)

Looking at the attractive Elmside estate which has become such an integral part of our village, it is not so easy to look back and see a summer pasture with pigs roaming across it as I saw when I first came to Walsham in 1970; it was a pig farm owned by one of the loveliest men I had ever met.

Cornelius Debenham, known to all as Neil, had evolved from a bus conductor to a breeder of some of the best pigs in the world. His early moves into livestock production were with chickens (My garden mower is still housed in one off his hen houses) before turning to pig production and the breeding of quality pigs. His initial efforts met an untimely end in the early sixties during an outbreak of Classical Swine Fever which resulted in compulsory slaughter of the whole herd but undaunted, he re-stocked with pedigree Landrace purchased from fellow enthusiasts that included stock from the first import of Danish Landrace into this country. Together with his sons Brian and Richard (nicknamed Boom and Bim) and with Neville Ellis in his team, Neil developed a population of pigs that would go on to be sold across Europe.

His first step towards that success was to form a cooperative with fellow pig breeders in 1965 called United Pig Breeders (UPB) which worked closely with what became the Meat and Livestock Commission to improve the growth and lean meat % of the growing pig. Their success can be judged by the fact that UPB was awarded a Queen's Award for export in 1977 and had by then established UPB companies in the Netherlands and Italy to be followed later by companies in Germany and Spain.

Neil sadly passed away in 1978 but not before he had persuaded an ex chocolate salesman, who lived in Clay St in the same cottage where he and his five sisters were brought up, to join him in helping to sell and promote UPB breeding pigs. My third son, William Neil Campbell born later in 1978, bears his name in honour of a man who was incredibly special, and I suspect was never accorded the recognition and respect he deserved.

Just what he would have made of Elmside as it is now, I really don't know; I suspect he would have recognised that pig farms with their delicate aroma are sadly unsustainable in villages these days and just take pleasure in the knowledge of what he had left behind for his family and their children to enjoy.

Ian Campbell



What is the name for a female donkey?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Observer Crossword

Observer Su-Doku

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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 coordination 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

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