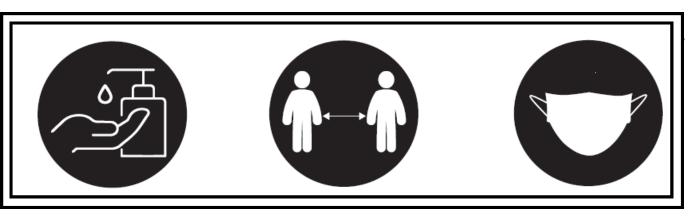
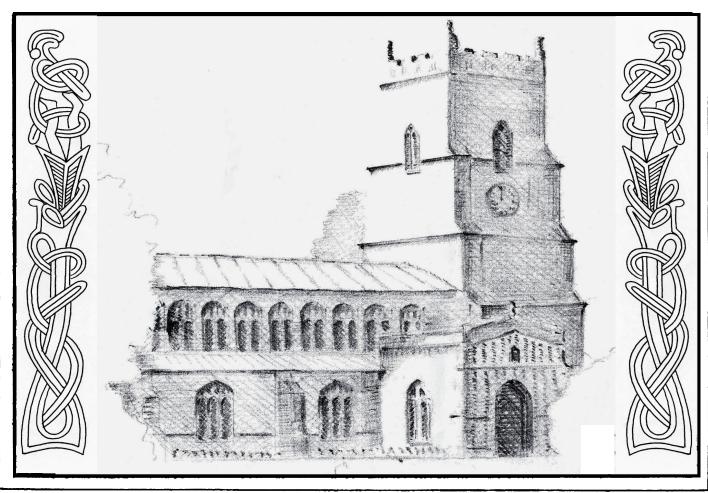
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## **EDITORIAL**

Once again, I fear, the pandemic has contrived to alter the production method of the Observer, but I trust that you will find the wait worthwhile, and haven't been too jealous of those who managed to access the online version earlier than you; but it is difficult to do the puzzles - of which there are somewhat more this month - on the screen of smart phones or PCs.

Once again my thanks go to those who have sent in pieces for inclusion in this month's edition. I should be most grateful for any contributions for next month's edition. The greater the variety the better. Hopefully, in a few months when 'normal' activities are able to resume in the village, I shall not have to put out the 'begging bowl'.

A little sense of 'normality' descended upon Walsham during December with the Walk Through Christmas Fayre, manned by well wrapped up stall holders in the Village Hall, with its doors and windows wide open to keep the room well aired. A few das later singing was heard in St Mary's, for the first time in months, as carols were sung by a small choir during a much reduced service of Lessons & Carols.

It would be interesting to hear from members of the village how they have managed to survive 'lockdown'; catching up on books that have long been meant to be read, jigsaws to frustrate the mind with massive areas of sky or sea, a backlog of Netflix and iPlayer, as well as the diet of repeats on television. Some have taken up new instruments - or even instruments for the fist time - and others learning a new language. For my own part I seem to have become 'obsessed' with videos of 'new' songs to old tunes, the result of which may be found on iansbikerides.org.uk - this should carry a health warning!

As has been my practice, during the past few years, I was outside Rolfes attempting to sell copies of A Thinkers Diary, to raise money for St Mary's. Owing to the necessity for social distancing and masking up, getting 'close up and personal' to sell copies was not possible. I therefore find myself with a few copies of the diaries. They might prove a welcome distraction from the privations of Tier 4 regulations. Do look at the advert on Page 29 to find out how to obtain a copy.

All it remains for me to do is to wish you all the very best for the New Year. Hopefully by our combined efforts - however frustrating it may be for each of us - we can gain control of the virus and so restore 'freedom' to our lives. There are many professionals working to this end. Make sure that we support them through our actions.



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# NEWS.

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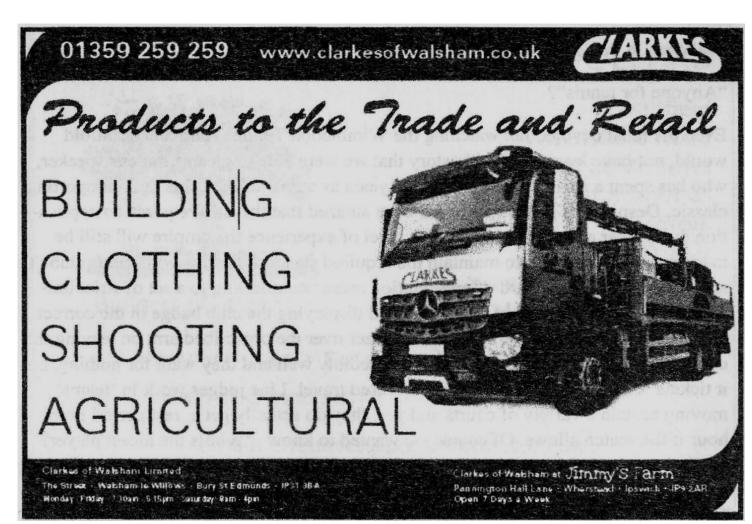
**People** in Suffolk are being given three months to surrender certain items that will soon be classed as offensive weapons under new legislation coming into force. The Offensive Weapons Act 2019 introduces the new legislation as part of the Government's response to serious violence, that gives the police the powers to tackle the issue. The Act includes new measures to control the sale of knives and corrosive substances, it also introduces new offences relating to their possession and use and will bring in new knife crime prevention. Under the new laws, the possession of specified rapid firing rifles, bump stocks, knives and offensive weapons for public safety, will be prohibited.

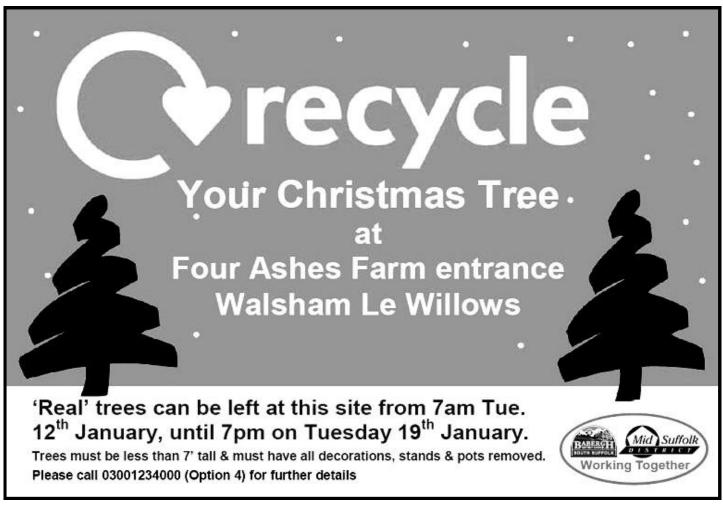
In order to ensure the public can dispose of these items safely, a three month surrender period starts Thursday 10 December and will run until Tuesday 9 March 2021. During this time the lawful owners of these weapons can begin to surrender them to the police and submit a claim form for compensation from the Home Office.

Those in possession of knives or other offensive weapons must fill in the Offensive Weapons Act Surrender and Compensation Scheme Form, before bringing this and the item(s) to a police station designated for the purpose. In Suffolk, the designated police stations are either Ipswich (Museum Street), Bury St Edmunds and Lowestoft.

David Murray.







### VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

After one of the most challenging years for us all, we start the new year with Government regulations meaning the hall has to remain closed for the time being to the public. The committee has continued to seek grants and funding for projects to improve the hall. Now the refurbishment of the kitchen is completed. The next project is to improve the entrance / lobby area to the hall, with new double glazed doors, with mobility threshold and levelling off of the entrance. This work will not only improve the access to the hall for all users, it will help insulate the main entrance and create a small lobby area.

The food bank can continue to run and the Community Council would like to thank everyone for your amazing support and donations, thank you all for your kindness. Due to your support we have been able to give at the time of writing this, 105 kg of food to help individuals and families from our area, referred to us from the organisations we work with. We are also working with wider networks to support, if we can, and signpost people to organisations that can help solve any longer term problems if necessary. If you or anyone would like support, please get in contact.

If you are thinking of donating food stuffs, on our shopping list are tinned potatoes, smash, tinned meats, puddings, coffee and toiletries but any long life food is gratefully received. These can either be dropped off to a member of the committee, in the box inside the church or ring for a social distance pickup.

Looking forward to when the hall can open we have 2 new classes starting.

On Mondays we hope to start Music Theatre Classes for children, with classes for ages 4 to 16 years old. The Musical Mayhem Mondays will be a chance to build confidence, sing, dance, act, make friends and have fun. For more information contact Mairi at mbbmusicaltheatre@gmail.com

On Thursdays in conjunction with Fit Villages we hope to start Fit Steps, dance fitness classes run by Josie Sparkes. Keep an eye out for further information about Fit Steps.

As well as restarting Yoga and Tai Chi classes, the coffee shop will also be back as soon as Government regulations allow.

We thank you all for your continued support and understanding in these uncertain times. Hopefully we can welcome you all back into the hall very soon. Take care.

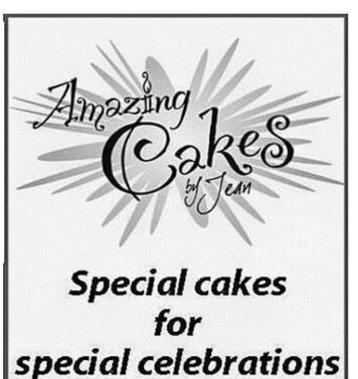
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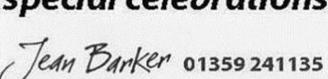


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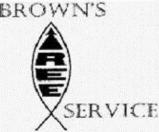
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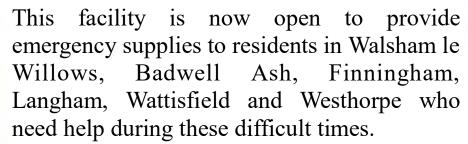


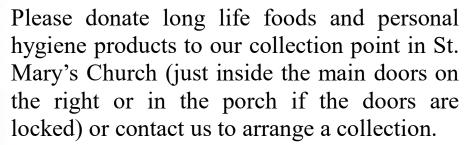






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# LITTLE WILLOWS PRESCHOOL NEWS



We made it to the end of the Autumn Term with all the children, staff and parents looking forward to the Christmas Break. The children were extremely excited especially since we began putting up the decorations and our Christmas Tree.

We celebrated National Tree Week at the start of December by having a pot grown Christmas tree in the garden of the setting that hopefully we will be able to keep alive for next year!

The children also helped us to pot up some Beech Tree Saplings that appeared in our garden and we will be tending these until they are big enough to plant out. There were lots activities relating to trees and learning about how important they are to our environment. Did you know there are over 60,000 species of trees! The week ended by another trip to the Wild Wood with the children looking to see what changes had happened since our last visit.

On the way they spotted a 'Ribbon Tree' and one with 'twinkly' lights. The overall impression was that lots of trees had lost there leaves although some were still green, again this allowed us to introduce new vocabulary such as 'deciduous and evergreen'.

We trimmed our Christmas Tree with natural decorations using cones, threading dried citrus fruits on to string: a great fine motor skill activity, and twig Christmas Trees which allowed us to look and talk about size and length. Inside we had a lovely 3D Winter landscape on the wall which included a Fir Tree that we added shape baubles to that the children had made along with numbers as our Advent Calendar. We found the best way to manage their expectation that Christmas was "tomorrow" was by explaining how many 'sleeps' there were until Christmas.

Other activities have included making Gingerbread Men, Christmas cards and props for our Christmas 'singsong', which very sadly for us and the parents this year they were unable to attend in person, so was sent to them as a video.

We read a story about the 'First Christmas' and set up a Nativity Tableau with figures for them to use and make up their own stories. To support our understanding of different cultures we have introduced to the children the Jewish Festival of Hanukkah (a Festival of Light) where they made a Menorah: a decoration that includes nine candles. Another great counting activity.

By the time you read this we hope you will all have had a happy and safe Christmas. We should also like to wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to sharing more of our fun filled news and experiences.

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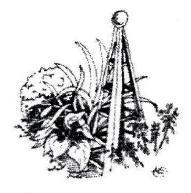
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# WI REPORT DEC/JAN2020



All our members received a surprise delivery of a Christmas Goody Bag put together by the W.I. Committee in recognition of members continuing loyalty throughout a difficult year. Most of the festive contents were swiftly demolished at least one household and everyone should look out for the handsome Suffolk West Centenary badges which will appear on all our collars! A talented 'elf' had created a spectacular Christmas table arrangement to go with each bag and there was also a hand- made greetings- card included for everyone. It is sincerely to be hoped that regular meetings will become possible again in the spring but until then it is hoped members will join in to the Federation Zoom talks or to the National Denman programme of talks and classes available on line. It is all only a 'click' away! The WI Newsletter 'The Hive' is sent to every member with up to date information. It is time for members to choose one of the five resolutions to go forward for debate in 2021. Please tell Jeannie or Pearl by January 15<sup>th</sup> of your choice.

Reminder: 1.Ovarian cancer awareness 2. Stop the premature coronary heart disease deaths in women 3. Stamp out racism and discrimination 4. Create wildlife friendly spaces 5. Stop the destruction of peat bogs.

Jill Newell

# **MOBILE LIBRARY DATES 2021**

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## STREAM CLEARANCE

The stream clearance has plainly raised concerns for some, to the extent that the Environment Agency and the Suffolk Constabulary were called out. They spent a long time inspecting the stream banks, concerned that the works had disturbed the water vole habitat but the good news is that an email has been received from PC Colin Taylor, of the Suffolk Constabulary, that states "On this occasion I am happy that no offences have been committed and the river has been cleared in good faith...". He also states "...... although they (the Environment Agency) located burrows consistent with Water Voles they need three forms of ID to confirm they are there, including droppings and evidence of food. Due to Water Voles semi-hibernating at this time of the year, the recent clearance of the vegetation and the rising water levels meant that they could not conclusively say that they were present. They plan to come back in the spring when the conditions are better to conduct another survey....". He then says "The Environment Agency Biodiversity Specialists discussed that improving the habitat with more grass on the banks and water and bankside flowers being planted would benefit the wildlife and look nice.....".

It seems we have done well and we hope that puts minds at rest and that people can now rest easily in their beds.

We are sure that the village would like to join us and congratulate Ralph Hubbard and his young helper, Jamie, on their hard work and the improvements that they have made.

John Stebbing



# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STANTON AND DISDRICT BRANCH



I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last difficult and unprecedented year. Our 2021 County Conference which was due to be held at Needham Market on Saturday 3oth January , will now be held virtually by Zoom , members wishing to take part please contact me.

The Legion will be 100years old later this year and due to Covid 19 it has been difficult to arrange meetings to plan any celebrations, which we are hoping will take place.

With the vaccine becoming available I hope we will be in a position possibly to commence our monthly meetings by April.

I wish to correct an error in my December notes, I am the Branch Vice Chairman not Vice President

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# WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 commencing at 7.00 p.m. Online via Zoom due to Coronavirus restrictions. Members of the public were able to join the meeting to observe or make representations by using the following credentials:

[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]

**PRESENT** Cllrs. Arbon, Bartholomew, Belson, Ellis, Kinnair, Mecrow & Roberts. Cllr Meyer for the District.

#### 1 FIRST BUSINESS

- 1.1 **Acceptance of apologies** none received
- 1.2 **The minutes of the meetings** held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (budget meeting) were unanimously approved.
- 1.3 To receive pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests None
- 1.4 **To consider applications for dispensation** None
- 1.5 Public Open Forum (including County and District Reports)

Cllr Fleming was not in attendance. Cllr Meyer referred to his report which had been circulated and invited questions. The full report can be found on the village website at: https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/explore/governance-community/parish-council/

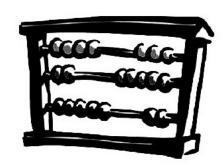
Cllr Belson asked Cllr Meyer about CIFCO the investment vehicle set up by BMSDC to generate income from property investments in relation to press reports of some local authorities declaring themselves bankrupt or in serious financial trouble following the use of these investment vehicles. Cllr Meyer robustly defended the investment company (he declared he also sits on the board as an unpaid member) because unlike some others, it does not invest in properties to help with regenerating its own area but instead avoids such high risk investments in favour of safer investments that have contributed to a surplus on the MSDC budget this year in the worst downturn for 300 years. Cllr Meyer advised that the Chairman and two other executive directors are remunerated with others, including himself, unpaid. He also advised that the proceeds of such investment vehicles can be spent across the council's budget unlike the funding received to the housing budget.

Cllr Meyer had to leave the meeting early and so was asked to address actions and questions on the agenda items 2, 4.4 and 4.9.

Agenda item 2 Cllr Meyer advised he had 'called in' the planning application

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"All contributions gratefully received" says Ian Campbell (Treasurer)

**2434 Holmwood**, a request so that it goes to full planning committee. This request could still be refused by the senior planner. Cllr Meyer had done some valuable research on the regulations on fire risk and parking which seem to suggest that the application might be excluded on that basis and make it harder to refuse the call-in request.

Regarding application 1357/17 (Wattisfield Road) the Clerk asked if Cllr Meyer had heard anything back about the re-siting of the 30mph zone under the existing development. He had not but will continue to pursue. Cllr Belson asked if it might be possible when the Broad Meadow site comes up for development that the Parish Council request that the developer of that site pay for the re-siting of the 30mph signage. Cllr Meyer thought probably not but that it might be worth raising this at the appropriate time. Cllr Mecrow was of the opinion that the Parish Council should continue to pursue this alongside the existing development of the site on the western side. Cllr Mecrow also noted that the yellow signage to The Acorns have not been taken down as promised by the enforcement team. Strong emails from the Clerk to the Enforcement Officer asking for the timescales given for this to be completed have yet again gone unacknowledged. A complaint was again submitted about lack of transparent communication from MSDC planning dept. Clerk advised that conclusion from correspondence received was that practically, no enforcement action is likely. Agenda item 4.4 200 Club Cllr Meyer indicated discussions had taken place with the organiser and the enforcement team on this and that he was waiting to hear the outcome. Agenda item 4.9 Greening & Re-wilding agendas Cllr Meyer advised that he had no more information but was sure this was about small scale projects within the district who are developing a wildlife network map to identify where the gaps are. There was a discussion about the plethora of initiatives that seem related to this agenda and may or not be related to each other. The general feeling was that everyone seems to be confused as to whether there is any connection between them all as there does not seem to be any co-ordination between all the agencies. Cllr Mecrow noted that the 'DEFRA Magic Maps' showed a large proportion of the parish as covered by mid-tier and higher level tier environmental schemes established and maintained by local landowners. Cllr Bartholomew asked if the Wildwood group were interested in expansion projects. Cllr Belson replied that there is a feeling that people would like to move on to developing new sites and that the Old Town Trust would be the obvious people to go to. The Old Town Trust are interested in joining up areas of land with hedging and trees. In response to question from Cllr Ellis the Clerk advised no contact received from on this. ACTION Clerk to contact Old Town Trust Secretary to ask for maps with indication of where this might happen.

Cllr Meyer asked how the **Food Bank** was going. Cllr Ellis advised six people had been helped so far and this is expected to grow as more referral agencies come on board. There had been a great response from surrounding villages and gaps in supplies were being filled by using cash donations. Cllr Bartholomew thanked

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- Cllr Meyer for contact at MSDC re grant funding for the project and an application for racking and scales will be submitted in due course. Cllr Arbon offered the supply of some industrial racking if required.
- 1.6 County and District Reports see above, in future will be included under Public Open Forum
- 2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED (plus any received after the publication of this agenda)

Application 1357/17 – Wattisfield Road Development – Non-adherence to agreed transport plan despite previous complaints from Parish Councillors, District Councillor, Clerk and parishioners. Decide next steps regarding outcome of discussion with Paul Scarff and Clerk's summary of that discussion circulated by email. See 1.5 above

AND correspondence re: Road and Pavement Narrowing The three emails received were discussed and it was felt that there is nothing that had not been addressed at some point in the process by either the Parish Council, parishioners, or the core group of Wattisfield Road residents who commissioned a traffic consultant the resulting report being endorsed by the Parish Council. It was felt that the summary published in the Observer by Trevor Pollard gave a good overview of the position. The powers of the Parish Council in this are limited but all interventions discussed and agreed in meetings have been documented and actioned throughout. ACTION Clerk to respond to parishioners.

#### APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA

- DC/20/05280 Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - T1(Lime)- Repollard to previous points. Location: Maltings House, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTED THIS APPLICATION

**APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/20/05225 Proposal:** Planning Application. Erection of workshop building **Location**: Land To The Rear Of R And D Construction Depot, Summer Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AJ **The parish council supported this application with the following observations:** 

**Lighting** – Planning should stipulate any external light locations to ensure no further light pollution.

**Noise** – Planning should stipulate conditions regarding any additional noise from the development.

**Refuse** – Planning should stipulate that refuse is to be removed from the site and not disposed or burnt on site.

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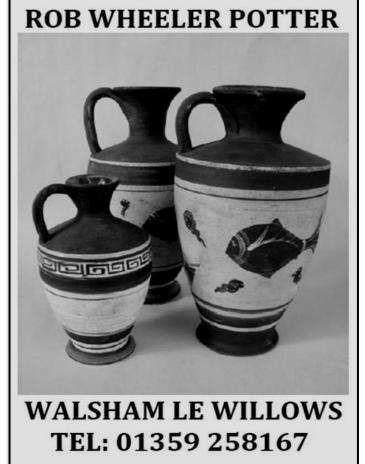
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#### APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/20/04323 Proposal:

Householder application - Erection of single storey side and two storey rear extension (following demolition of existing rear extensions). Demolition of garage on South boundary. **Location**: East Cottage, Badwell Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BT MSDC GRANTED THIS APPLICATION

**Application. No: DC/20/04541** For works to trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce canopy by 3m to 1No Beech Tree due to close proximity to dwelling and driveways. **Location:** Riverside Cottage The Street Walsham Le Willows Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ **MSDC did not wish to object** 

#### APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DETERMINATION - DC/20/04714

**Proposal**: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Erection, Extension or Alteration of a Building for Agricultural or Forestry use. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 6 - Erection of bulk grain store.

Location: Four Ashes Farm, Badwell Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk

MSDC determined that formal application is not required.

# DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**Proposal:** Discharge of Condition Application for 1352/17- Condition 4 (Materials)

Location: Land West Of, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk

This has been noted by the parish council

# APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/20/05031

**Proposal:** Notification for works to trees in a Conservation Area - 1no Willow - Reduce by 50% 2no Beech - Reduce by up to 25% cutting to growth points. **Location**: Fernside, Finningham Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BQ. **MSDC did not wish to object** 

APPEAL DECISION Application DC/19/05103 Location 44 Townhouse Road Walsham Le Willows Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BP Proposal Householder Planning Application- Erection of two storey rear extension with ground floor bay window. Appeal refused by secretary of state

#### 4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 **Development & Neighbourhood Plan** - Cllr Belson reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Group would like the Parish Council to respond to the Local Plan Consultation although he thought that of the two areas the Parish Council were only able to comment on one of the criteria under 'Soundness of Proposals' which is about 'Meeting the Needs of the Local Area'. Having reviewed the document submitted by the Neighbourhood Plan Group and found it helpful, the Parish Council felt that the response needed to the Local Plan needed to be quite

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concise and proscribed. Cllr Belson to provide text for response to the Local Plan Consultation. Clerk to upload.

The Parish Council expressed thanks to James Bailey for assisting the Neighbourhood Plan Group with the submitted paper on a proposed approach to the Broad Meadow site. It was agreed this was a helpful contribution that will be especially useful as the neighbourhood plan process progresses to seeking the views of parishioners prior to a referendum.

The Clerk advised that Suzi Steer is attending the Local Plan Virtual meeting on Wednesday on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Group. Clerk to email NPG.

- 4.2 **Streetlighting conversion update** The Clerk noted the current Christmas switch off timings for streetlamps and asked if there were any changes required. It was agreed that no changes were required to the current plan. ACTION Clerk to submit request to the Highways Streetlighting Team. The Parish Council also decided that phase III of the upgrades should go ahead based on a quote of £6088.52. The Clerk has already asked if the lamp outside the Memorial Hall entrance could be prioritised as this is not working at all.
- 4.3 Community Council & Foodbank discussed under 1.5 above
- 4.4 **200 Club -** discussed under 1.5 above
- 4.5 **Finningham Road blind bend traffic speed** Clerk advised that Cllr Fleming was waiting to hear from Highways and also that we would have to be patient. Clerk advised that data from Summer Road SID was download earlier in the day. The Causeway SID had a dead battery. Cllr Roberts advised that he would charge tomorrow. The Clerk advised that the traffic survey may be extended after review of the data.
- 4.6 **Hedge and debris on The Causeway -** Clerk advised that Cllr Fleming was waiting to hear from Highways and that we would have to be patient. But the fact that a report had been closed again does not bode well.
- 4.7 **Fishponds Lane & Betty's Bridge Footpaths** The Clerk reported that Mr Martineau has advised that he has not given permission for horse riders to use the path by Betty's Bridge. He is happy for a new gate to be erected that does not impede the path for people on foot. Clerk to include in request for gates at Fishponds Lane.
- 4.8 Maintenance of Assets: Actions
  - Clerk Parish Council Shed pending
  - Cllr Ellis **village sign** pending; work will now be completed in the new year.
  - Cllr Roberts/Ellis **Bus Shelter Grove Park** pending. Cllr Arbon offered to measure up replacement Perspex then Clerk to contact Ipswich plastics for a quote.
  - Cllr Roberts **SIDs** It was decided to seek a firm quote for upgrading the SID on the Causeway to solar.
- 4.9 Greening and re-wilding agenda Establishing / Improving Wildlife

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- **Corridors** –Clerk noted email from Sicon Foundation. Suzi Steer has contacted them as representative of Neighbourhood Plan group. It was noted that the Clerk has submitted requests for trees at Staples Close and hedge planting to fill gaps in eastern boundary of play area. Otherwise see as discussed under 1.5 above.
- 4.10 **Village Maintenance volunteers** Clerk reported, and had circulated details, of one expression of interest from Gareth Rees. The Parish Council were grateful for this interest and Cllr Arbon is aware of a few more volunteers that might come forward as lockdown starts to lift in the new year. Clerk to send a copy of the ROSPA report to ask if there is anything in that report that could be tackled immediately.
- 4.11 **Streetsweeper role** Clerk reported, and had circulated details, of one expression of interest from Jake Herrington. Clerk to arrange a socially distanced outdoor meeting with Jake and Cllr Arbon on a Sunday to discuss the tasks and logistics. And to hopefully agree a two-month trial period and start date. Clerk to enquire of previous streetsweeper as to the whereabouts of the equipment.

#### 4.12 Play Area

- Play Council/Parish Council governance relationship The Clerk advised that Ian Campbell had been asked to go ahead and draw up the new lease on the terms proposed and as circulated to Councillors. Ian has confirmed this will be instructed.
- Overhanging Trees The Clerk confirmed that the January date the contractor had advised for this work had been confirmed to the contractor following the onsite meeting with Cllr Belson.
- Emptying of Bins and Equipment Clerk noted need to get another key. It was suggested that combination locks be used instead. Clerk to source.
- 4.13 **Stream Clearance Concerns** It was noted, as has been reported under AOB at the last meeting, that it had been decided a letter to the organiser was no longer required as the cutting of the second bank had been stopped.

#### 5 CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### 6 REPORTS

6.1 Clerk's report & financial report to 30th November 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	David Murray	£350.00	Closed Churchyard Grass cutting		
2	David Murray	£22.89	Fuel for mower		
3	SCC	£702.00	Traffic Survey		
4	CGM	£180.00	Grass cutting at Play Area Sept and Oct		
5	Kevin Boardley	£14.39	Reimbursement for online conferencing subscription		
6	HRMC	£132.40	PAYE		
7	Parish Council Employee	£495.50	Wages		
8	Parish Online	£42.00	Subscription for mapping tool		
#	Payments In	Amount	Description		
1	Street cleaning Grant Received	£376.96	Q2 20/21		

- **6.1 Problem Reports SCC** nothing more to report. Cllr Mecrow advised that he would obtain an image of the damaged signage on Wattisfield Road and send to Clerk so that this can be reported to Highways. Cllr Mecrow and Clerk to take action.
- **6.2 Budget 2021/22** The budget was reviewed at the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November but not set as the Clerk had not received the Band D Tax Base information. The Clerk advised that in the light of the most recent email from MSDC the setting of the budget and the precept should be postponed as suggested until 12<sup>th</sup> January by which time we will have been advised of any late revisions to the tax base.
  - Clerk advised attendance at free virtual meeting on precept on 9<sup>th</sup> December.
  - Clerk advised that payments for donations will be presented at next meeting.
  - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies notice for Observer and next Annual Meeting of the Parish was discussed and Clerk to revise draft and re-circulate.
  - The Parish Council decided that no response would be submitted to the CIL consultation.
- **6.3 'Parish Council News'** was discussed and it was decided to go with the Wattisfield Road situation and related planning process as the next subject. Clerk to draft and circulate.
- **6.4 Internal Control Report** The Clerk noted the proposed amendments to the internal control report for November and asked for guidance. It was agreed that the Clerk should highlight and report variances in budget to end of December at next meeting.

#### 7 FOOTPATHS & TREES

- **7.1 Footpath Warden** Cllr Belson reported that he is liaising with the Ramblers Association about the definitive map of footpaths in Walsham.
- 7.2 Tree Warden Cllr Belson Nothing to report.

#### 8 OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None

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

None

Meeting ended at 21:45

Kevin Boardley, Proper Officer, Clerk to Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council



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#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Saintly debt in afterthought. (5)
- **5.** That man sounds like a song. (3)
- 7. Said to be the 'Forbidden fruit' of the eye. (5)
- **8.** Grudge off the old block. (1,4)
- **9.** Worked hard to change Vi's rent. (7)
- 10. Printed layout of blood group charts

- possibly. (11)
- 13. Beginnings of treatises
- **15.** Two-way location system. (5)
- 16. Almost sounds small in France. (5)
- 17. She's the first lady before tomorrow. (3)
- **18.** The deans scrambled up the mountains. (5)

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Venus has a way in initial exercise. (6)
- 2. Not the persons we come across. (5,6)
- 3. Going back to health resorts exhausts one. (4)
- 4. Old state finds piece in South Africa.(6)
- **5.** Clumsy necessity for a boxer. (5,6)
- 6. Chief in the maintenance crew. (4)
- 11. Bothersome person afflicts cattle. (6)
- **12.** Maps discovered in a rich art students lodgings. (6)
- 13. Foil was initially an old disc. (4)
- **14.** Cardinal leaves the stadium for the region. (4)

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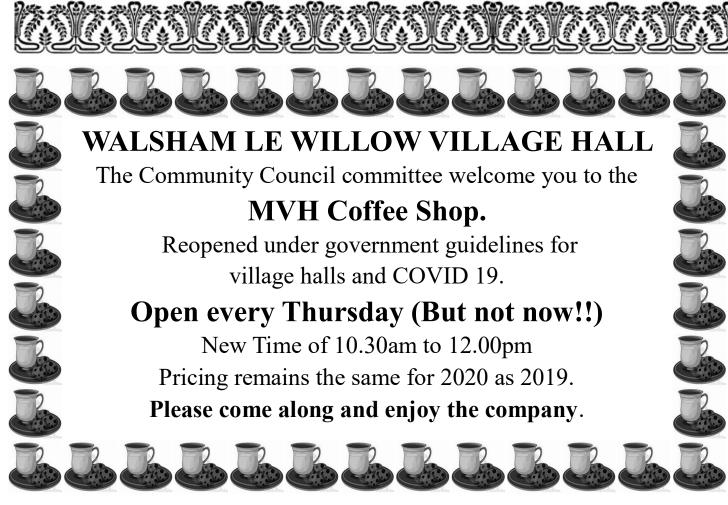
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#### Happy New Year! And I wish you all the very best for 2021.

As I write this towards the end of the Advent Season, approaching Christmas, it is to do so with the days rapidly shortening, and with January and a New Year just around the corner. A time perhaps to reflect upon the past year, and look to what the coming twelve months might bring. Nobody at all, one year ago, could have possibly predicted the events of 2020, and so it is the same for the months ahead. Maybe people have been patiently waiting for the end of 2020 and hoping for better things when the number on the calendar changes.

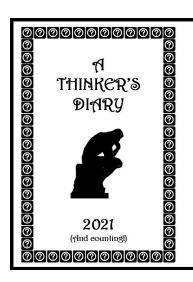
January is very much a month to think about new starts; and I do not just mean those inevitable and hopeless new year resolutions. For many the new year will bring a much wanted new start, filled with that much needed hope and excitement. Others however, may be more aware of the difficulties and challengers that lie ahead. Some will be expecting little change, just more of the same.

The first candle which is lit upon the Advent Wreath in our churches, as we lead up to Christmas, symbolises 'Hope.' As I mentioned to the children at one of the Walsham School assemblies, we really must have 'Hope' for the coming year; and thankfully, young people invariably are blessed with a real sense of optimism. Every year is precious, every day is precious, every hour is precious. Life and time is not for squandering or abusing, it is a gift to be thankful for. Every day is the start of a New Year, bringing change and opening up possibilities.

One thing 2020 certainly showed was how much genuine love and support there is amongst our communities. Shown not least by the response in giving to the local Community Foodbank. Further afield, at the height of the pandemic, Stowmarket Foodbank had received 5x the usual calls for help; and the response was 5x the usual help received. To hear such news, and so many other good deeds occurring all around us, both within and outside our communities, I am reminded of the words of Desmond Tutu:

'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.' Let us hope that 2021 will be filled with light.

Philip Benefice Priest



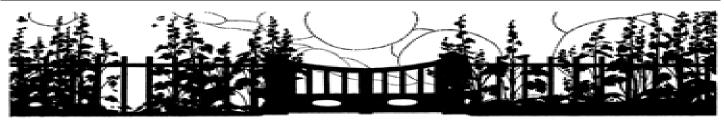
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3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Epiphany		
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3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe	
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Epiphany (Wednesday)		
9.30am	Said Communion	Finningham	
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Baptism of Christ		
8.00am	Said Communion	Walsham	
9.30am	Said Communion	Badwell Ash	
17 <sup>th</sup> January	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany		
8.00am	Said Communion	Walsham	
9.30am	Said Communion	Westhorpe	
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday		
9.30am	Said Communion	Finningham	
24 <sup>th</sup> January	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany		
8.00am	Said Communion	Badwell Ash	
9.30am	Said Communion	Walsham	
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Candlemas		
8.00am	Said Communion	Walsham	
9.30am	Said Communion	Finningham	
11.00am	Said Communion	Wattisfield	
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Ordinary Time (Wednesday)		
9.30am	Said Communion	Walsham	
7 <sup>th</sup> February	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Before Lent		
9.30am	Said Communion	Walsham	
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe	



# STREAM CLEARANCE

The following article is not representative of the views of any of our village organisations but is a purely personal and reflective view.

The stream, which makes its appearance at Millers Bridge and runs on to the bend by Rolfe's and then disappears behind houses, has been the cause of much debate recently. If like me, you walk alongside the stream most days you will have noticed that it has been cleared allowing the stream to run more freely. Prior to this it was choked up with vegetation and was in a sad and sorry state. It has been quite a number of years since any work was done in clearing the stream, partly due to the discovery of water voles, which are a protected species. Whilst most of us like to think of the endearing sight of the stream gently gurgling its way through Walsham under the lea of the willows, as it has for a few hundred years, we sometimes forget that in reality the stream has a very important function as a field drain, protecting the village from flooding as it did in 1968. Following the flood, work was done to prevent a reoccurrence.

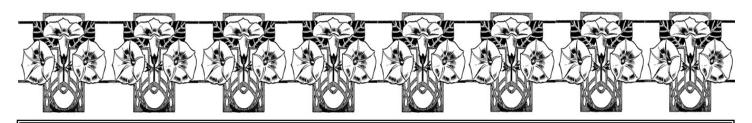
However, climate change reports have indicated that the wet winters we are experiencing are set to continue. When the fields are saturated following prolonged spells of rain the excess water and silt runs off the fields and through drainage pipes into the stream. If the stream becomes overgrown with vegetation, then it becomes more difficult for the water to flow and it deposits the silt it carries thus raising the streambed and causing peak water levels to rise. This in turn would cause the homes of any wildlife to be flooded and small creatures to drown in turbulent waters.

In 2014 just such a scenario of increased rainfall and reduced dredging of the Rivers Parrett, Axe and Brue by the Environment Agency led to catastrophic flooding on the Somerset Levels, which devastated agriculture, wildlife, homes and lives. Whilst this is a very dramatic example and not one to be envisaged in Walsham, the underlying principle in relation to our stream, is the same. This has led me to the conclusion that the stream needs a regular programme of management to allow effective drainage to be maintained but at the same time enabling natural environments and habitats to be established and flourish. We need to achieve a balance between the two. The only part of the stream that this applies to is that in front of Millers Close and from Clarke's Bridge to Rolfe's as this is the stretch that is unshaded, leading to increased vegetation growth.

It is difficult to know where responsibility for the stream lies. As far as I know it is not with the Parish Council but comes under the laws of Riparian Ownership, which means it is the responsibility of property-owners living alongside the stream. However, this is very much a grey area and they already do much on the upkeep of the stream, cutting verges and hedges, planting bulbs and wildflowers, keeping it attractive and tidy for the rest of the village. The streambed is another matter entirely requiring a completely different type of maintenance. What appears to be needed in future is a co-ordinated and planned approach to managing the streambed and banks along that particular stretch of stream, so that the same issues do not keep occurring.

I can offer no solution on how this could be put into place at present but if you have any thoughts and ideas then please do come forward with them. It would be interesting to hear what others think. The stream is integral to Walsham and was here long before all of us and will still be here after we are gone so we need to take care of it.

Frances Jenner



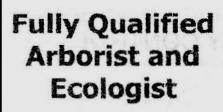
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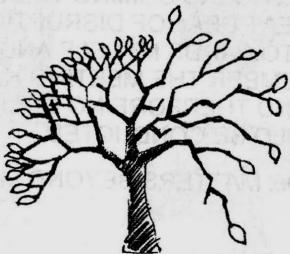
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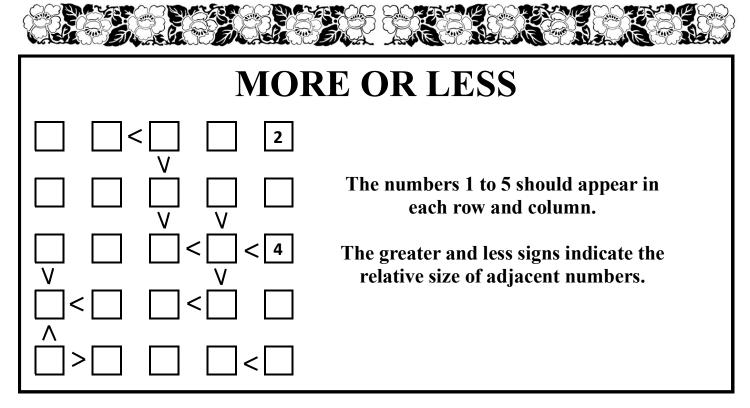
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No, the printer has not lost a 'k'. "Frederic" was how the artist spelled his own name. Frederic Leighton (1830-96) was a very important British artist with a wide social circle. He is known to have visited friends at Walsham.

One of Leighton's most celebrated paintings is a great round canvas, a type called a 'tondo', originally intended for St Paul's Cathedral. Although deemed unsuitable by the cathedral authorities, partly because of its size, the picture was modified and publicly exhibited in 1892. Now in London's Tate Britain, it is entitled "And the Sea gave up the Dead which were in it". Men and women in classical drapery are shown straining upward, escaping from the waters. Bursts of light penetrate the darkness and the waves. At first the subject and its treatment seem forbidding, but on reflection it can be seen as a picture of hope and reassurance.

The title is a quotation (chapter 20 verse 13) from the ancient work generally called 'The Apocalypse'. It was originally a Greek word 'apokalupsis' meaning 'unwrapping'. The word is also translated as 'revelation'. It was first written in Greek around the year 95 CE (AD in former reckoning). The writer, who called himself John, lived on the remote island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea. He hated the water, and longed for the impossible, a time when the sea would be all dried up so that he would have easy access to the mainland. He wrote a scroll which 'revealed', as was the purpose of apocalypses, all sorts of horrors which were due to happen. War, shortages and price rises, plagues (his actual Greek word was 'plagas'), extremes of weather; it's all there. Towards the end of John's scroll he wrote 'the former things are passed away', and people are rising from the waters. Many centuries later Frederic Leighton sought to express John's vision. It can be a help in Covid times.

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## WILDLIFE IN JANUARY

We are still in the colder months of the year, with some species hibernating through to escape the harsher weather. Hedgehogs should be tucked up in their nests by now only periodically waking up to move to another nest. These nests are called Hibernacula's, made up of long grasses, twigs and leaves. They will lose at least half their body weight until they awake in the spring. Our true hibernating species are hedgehogs, Bats and Birds come into our gardens in search of food, such as Robins, Blackbirds and Starlings and if cold enough you may see Fieldfares. Did you know that Robins are very territorial little birds and an estimated 10% will die each year as a result from fighting. Help these little birds by regularly filling up your bird feeders, Robins like to eat chopped apple, berries and mealworms, Blackbirds like to eat peanut grains, rolled oats, chopped wheat, and suet pellets, Starlings like to eat fruit and seed mixes and suet balls/blocks. Always leave out fresh water for all wildlife. In January you may have heard a bark or scream coming from the dark fields at night which could resemble a scene out of a horror film or Midsomer Murders. This bark or scream is coming from Foxes, males are known as dogs and females are known as Vixen's. When other animals have slowed down for the winter months this is the breeding season for foxes, and the screaming noises you will hear are the foxes calling out as a territory warning to Late January going into February is a good time to watch out for Barn Owls. Mostly known for their ghostly white appearance while they silently fly in search of prey. Their heart shaped face is perfectly designed for guiding the quietest of sounds to their ears. Now is their time for breeding and they are mostly monogamous and the males can be seen hunting in the daytime presenting their catch to the females, otherwise the best time to spot a Barn Owl is at dawn or dusk. Their common prey are field Voles but they will also eat Mice and Shrews. Its not all about animals whilst you are on your walks why not look out for the snowdrops emerging late January which will bloom until late February marking that spring is in sight, a well loved flower and welcomed sight.

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#### Services in 2021

God willing, and the law permitting, we will continue to be open for

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worship each Sunday at 11.00 & 6.30. Pleased be assured of a warm welcome; we would be pleased to see you.

#### **COVID Speaks**

These are momentous days when we find ourselves in the midst of a worldwide 'discipline' or warning from God, calling us to acknowledge and seek Him. Although we shrink from the thought, this is the reason for all unexpected catastrophes, whether epidemics, floods, or vast forest fires. The Bible says these things will come more often in the 'last days', when atheism abounds, and people generally have no thought or love for their Creator.

A warning from God is not like the last judgement, because it is an expression of God's love, urging the rulers and people of nations to turn to Him, whereas the last judgement will finally close the door of mercy for those who turn away from Him. A warning is not permanent, and God has also given mankind the skill and scientific knowledge to control it eventually. But a warning catastrophe pulls us up and humbles us, reminding us that we are only people, and that we are in God's hands and accountable to Him. Remember that while God is love, He is also holy and just.

Coronavirus has certainly shaken us more than any other catastrophe of recent generations. The relatively gentle approach of our UK scientific elite soon gave way to radical measures as the virus defied all predictions. Mighty China shook with alarm; the grim regime of Iran was stunned; Europe was soon sent scurrying to lock-down, and the all-powerful USA was brought to cower like everyone else.

This may not be the last warning or discipline, although its full 'indignation' has not yet unfolded. Christians are praying for the virus to be lifted, relief and healing for those suffering, and we are witnessing many acts of kindness among people, but it is vital that we heed the message and meaning of this pandemic. Its purpose is to call us to forgiveness and reconciliation with God, by coming to the Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has opened a way of salvation by suffering and dying for sinful people on Calvary's cross. To trust in Him, repent of sin, and yield your life to Him, is to receive from Him a new and eternal life.

For the people turneth not to him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts. (Isaiah 9:13)

#### **PEACE**

Peace past understanding shall tarry in Walsham-le-Willows, No village had ever name with so lovely a burden, And there under blue and white clouds, deep in warm summer May the worn heart find healing.

Thus I thought: and the way were made sweeter with lime-trees in blossom, Pale flowers a-swing to bees drifting with honey-drunk murmur; And bent willows stood rooted in meads whose yellow-turned haycocks

The white pullets plundered.

The cool stream flowed on half asleep and quiescent in beauty,
Old cottages pondered benignly their musk and blown roses,
The elms launched their great shadow ships floating deep green and silver
Over meadows sun-golden.

And peace fluttered down like sleep upon Walsham-le-Willows, Like a dove that returns fro the pool in the valley at sunset, Dewy-feathered flies back to her mate and nest on the hedge-top, Still a worn heart with healing.

Claude Colleer Abbott

This poem, which appeared in a book of poems entitled Miss Bedell and Other Poems, arrived via Lynn and Antony Compson and John Martineau. Apparently the Compsons had been booking a holiday in Italy and on one of their enquiries they said they came from Walsham-le-Willows. The Italian lady let them know about the poem so it comes via Italy.

They think the Lymes it is referring to might be the Lymes of West Street.

## WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

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

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## TWO MESSAGES FROM THE SPORTS CLUB

The refurbishment of the Sports Club to make it of more comprehensive value to the community we serve, is now virtually complete and is a tribute to both the voluntary work put in, the generosity of our suppliers and the financial contributions made into the Crowd Funder by members and villagers alike. It is a strange world that can be so beastly to so many people yet at the same time offer us the opportunity to tackle a job, that given continual occupancy, just couldn't have happened. It would be lovely to hold an opening day that could enable us to thank people personally for what they have done but that will have to wait until after winter when the sun will shine and we can once again mingle.

Grants from outside and inside the village gave us the confidence to start the work and the crowd funder appeal added over £14,000 to complete the project that will have cost upwards of £40,000 +; unlike many clubs within the county, I am pleased to say we are still financially stable and able to look forward to 2021 with confidence.

My best wishes for the New Year to you all

Ian Campbell Treasurer

Hi everyone. I thought it was about time that you were informed what was going on at the Sports Club in these troubled times. Due to being in tier 2 we cannot use our bar at present but we are still playing sport all be it in a different way to the normal. All our football teams have been in action. The first team being the pick of the bunch and are in fourth place in the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division at the time of writing. The B team also deserves special mention as they sit on top of League B in the Macron SIL and are unbeaten in all competitions.

Walking sports continue to take place. Track and trace systems and one way systems are all in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. It's a challenge but at the same time it's nice to see people enjoying the entertainment on offer even in difficult times as it helps takes their minds off the predicament the world is facing at the moment and is good for people's wellbeing. Take care everyone. Stay safe and happy New Year to you all

If anyone has questions regarding the sports club please contact Gordon Ross on 07742 111892oremail him at gordonaross2@gmail.com

Gordon Ross



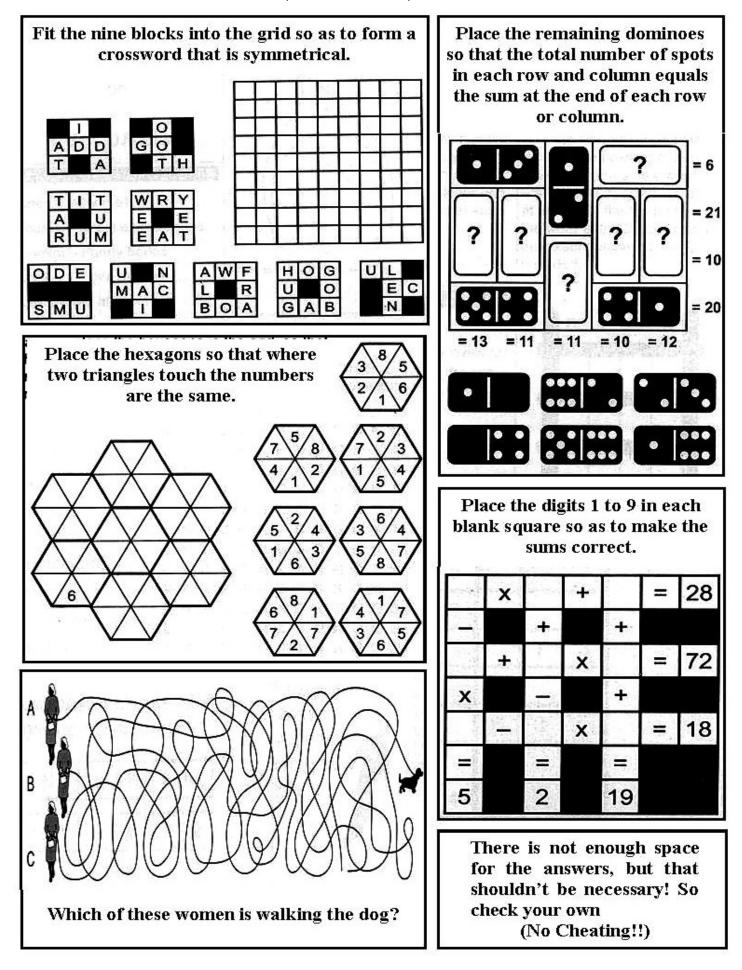
## **SPOT THE DIFFERENCE**

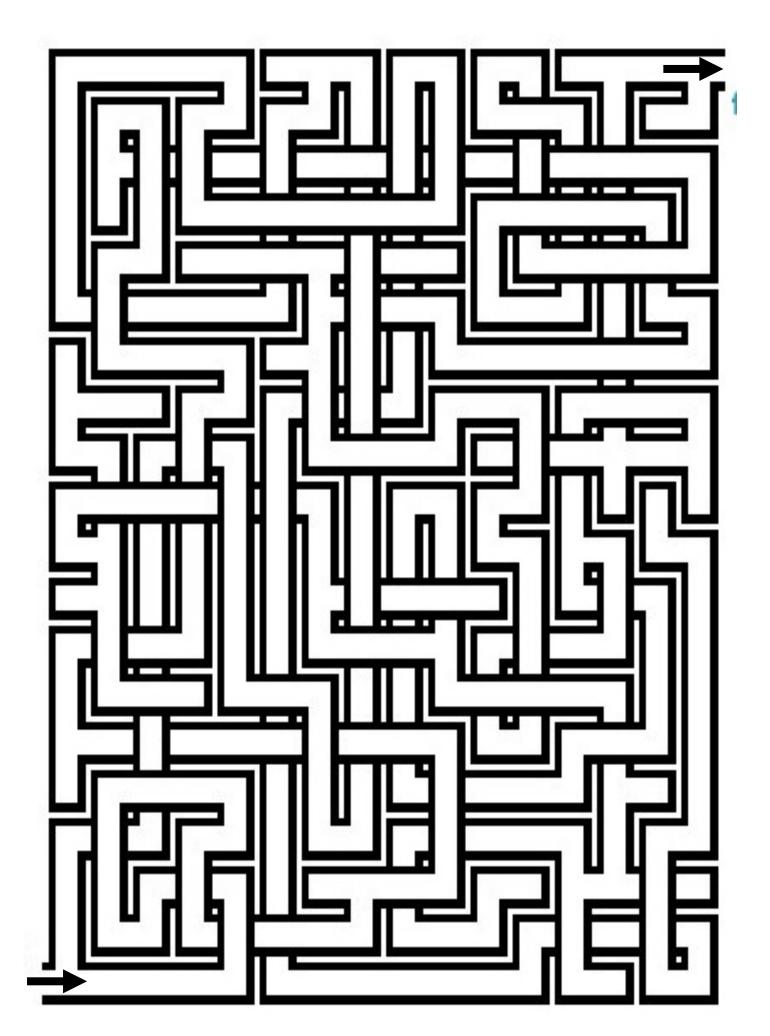




There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the bald-headed man goes in-off into the side pocket.

## **COVID (TIER 4) PUZZLES**





#### **ALL THE ANSWERS**

- 1. The Times They Are a-Changing 2. Harp 3. Cat Stevens 4. Radio 6 Music
- 5. I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do. 6.Red 7.A Chandler 8. The Oval
- 9. Mike Tindall 10. Curling 11. Tonto 12. Shirley Temple 13. Rydell High
- 14. Pauline Collins 15. Frankie Laine 16. Sound intensity 17. North Star
- 18. Honeysuckle 19. Murmuration 20. Nitrous Oxide 21. Nottingham
- 22. Turkey 23. Lake Michigan 24. Sicily 25. The Tasman Sea 26. Spain
- 27. Dijon 28. Beetroot 29. Pork Pies 30. Sugar 31. Emily Brontë
- 32. George Orwell 33. David Hockney 34. Peru 35. Margate
- 36. Thomas à Becket 37. David Lloyd George 38. Egypt 39. Scappa Flow
- 40. Corsica 41. Captain JamesCook 42. Charles Macintosh 43. Virgil
- 44. Ruth Rendell

#### More or Less

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#### Su-Doku

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#### Crossword

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#### **Searching for Words**

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If your group has not been included and you would like it to be please contact Ian

## 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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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.