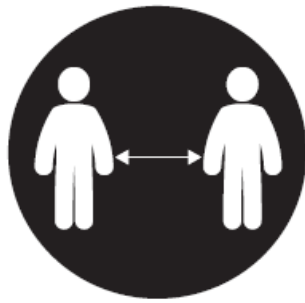


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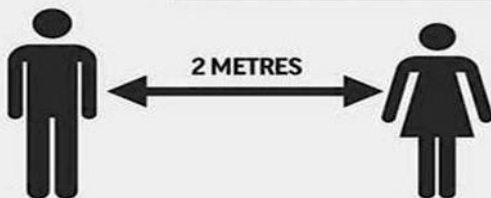
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EDITORIAL

It is to be hoped that the Prime Minister's route map to a 'normal' life will be able to be followed. Hopefully he will stick to 'data not dates', but that might mean that 'freedom' will not arrive until some time after June.

What this means for life in the village will obviously become clearer in due course, and hopefully those involved in the running of the Village Hall, the Horticultural Show and the Open Gardens Weekend will be prepared to share their thoughts and plans in next month's edition. In the meantime let us hope that the return to school on March 8th does not produce a significant rise in the infection and hospitalisation rates before Easter and that the beginning of social mixing - albeit in a limited fashion - can start from then. Until then - and even after - do continue to act in such a way as to keep others safe, which will keep yourself safe as well.

Despite the slow return to 'normal' life, there will still be people in the village who will continue to be effected by Covid with regard to their financial situation; so please, if you can afford to lend a helping hand, do consider making a contribution to the Food Bank (details on page 6).

After all the articles about the stream and the danger of flooding, I felt that it might be helpful to use a photograph of the 1962 flood on the front cover to show the more recent inhabitants of the village just how severe flooding has been in the past. Hopefully it will be a long time - if ever - before such inundation will be seen again.

Once again I must thank those people who have contributed articles for publication, but could I ask that any future articles be limited to just one page. As a guide, if you set the type face to New Times Roman and 15pt and limit yourself to just one side of A4 - with space for a heading - I should be most grateful. I am anticipating an increase in contributions as activities in the village begin to occur again.



With the relaxation from Lockdown, some members of the parish were beginning to talk about the return of singing hymns in church and even the enjoyable Songs of Praise!



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care Service

offers 24-hour live chat facility

Now, more than ever, those affected by crime need to be able to access support services remotely. And for those made vulnerable to abuse by self-isolating with their partner or family members, discrete access to practical and emotional help, at whatever time of the day or night they are able to reach out for it, is vitally important. Victim Support provides the Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care service, set up by the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) for both counties to provide free, confidential help and support to victims of crime.

Thanks to Ministry of Justice funding, that service now includes a 24-hour live chat facility and My Support Space online resources, improving access to information, practical advice and emotional support whenever victims need it.

Kara Shingleton, Area Manager, said: "Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care provides free, confidential support to victims and witnesses of crime. The COVID-19 pandemic has made our role more vital than ever as victims may be self-isolating with their abusers. Our 24/7 online live chat facility provides a new and invaluable way for victims to access practical and emotional support discreetly."

Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore said, "These new online services will now deliver improved support to victims on a 24/7 basis, which as Police and Crime Commissioner, I really welcome.

"This additional financial support is excellent news for victims of crime in Suffolk. "Victim Support does a tremendous job in the county and this investment will enable them to help maintain victims' needs at the centre of our criminal justice system."

Chief Executive of Victim Support, Diana Fawcett, said: "We welcome this funding from the Ministry of Justice to expand our online support services to every region of England and Wales, during a period which will be very difficult for victims of crime.

"Our message to victims is very clear. Our trained supporters are here to offer you free and confidential support. It doesn't matter where you live, what type of crime you have experienced, when it happened, whether you want support in the day or at night, or if you have reported the crime to the police. Victim Support is here to support you."

Accessing help and support if you are in immediate danger, call the police on 999. The non-emergency police number is 101.

You do not need to have reported the crime to the police to be able to access help and support. To contact the Norfolk and Suffolk Victim Care team, call 0300 303 3706 between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours, telephone support is available from Victim Support on 0808 16 89 111.

The 24-hour live chat service can be accessed via the **victim support website**. A video explaining the service can be viewed on **YouTube**.

For more on My Support Space, visit the **My Support Space webpage**

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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

At the time of writing the committee still have no further information as to when the village hall may reopen. Hopefully with the continued roll out of vaccinations, the drop in infection rates and hospital admissions, we will be able to open up to resume activities in the hall in the not too distant future. Fingers crossed that next month's observer has a list of activities starting in the hall during the spring.

Your continued support for the food bank is amazing, thank you. The food bank has very kindly been donated a fridge freezer. This will make a big difference to the types of foods we can offer. The food bank has given out in the first 3 weeks of February 143.55kg to people referred to us. Referrals are confidential and can come via many agencies including Citizen Advice Bureau, Schools, your Doctor and health workers, Social Prescribers, Family Support Practitioners and churches. Please, if you or any one you know is struggling, make contact.

The shopping list for the food bank this month is squash, long life fruit juices and long life puddings or cakes thank you.

The committee want to thank you all for your support, patience and understanding in these difficult times

Stay safe.

Amanda Ellis

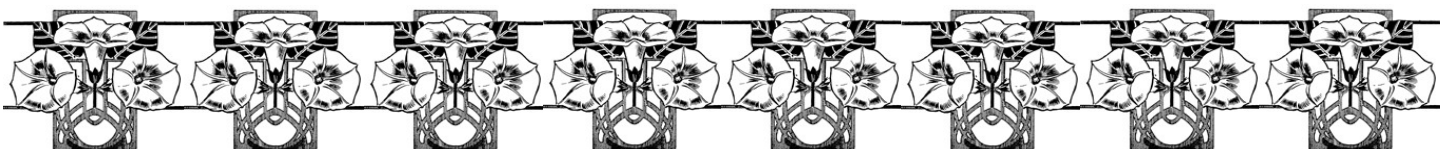


WALSHAM LE WILLOWS WI REPORT



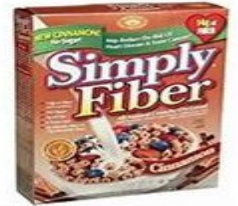
Should you happen to see a green heart in a window around Walsham in the weeks around 12th -15th February it will not necessarily signal a romance in the offing. 'Love' will definitely be indicated but for WI members it will be love of all things green. Guided by WI locally appointed 'Climate Ambassadors' members will be supporting the 'Share the love' Climate Coalition campaign and will try to reduce food waste ,buy peat free compost, reduce motor traffic and support bee friendly gardens. During lockdown members here in Walsham have appreciated and come to treasure our access to green spaces. Though we have not met face to face through newsletters throughout the country work on this initiative continues. In Walsham a new special more personal newsletter has emerged in the last couple of months, with a different member sharing her thoughts of life in the lockdown, reminding us how we are all different but united in our WI membership.

Jill Newell





COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOOD BANK



This facility is now open to provide emergency supplies to residents in Walsham le Willows, Badwell Ash, Finningham, Langham, Wattisfield and Westhorpe who need help during these difficult times.



Please donate long life foods and personal hygiene products to our collection point in St. Mary's Church (just inside the main doors on the right or in the porch if the doors are locked) or contact us to arrange a collection.



If you're struggling for whatever reason please contact us for some supplies. All contact will be confidential so no one will know that you've asked.



To help, get involved or to discuss your needs please contact Amanda on 01359 258646 or email wlwcommunitycouncil@outlook.com



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

Each row, column and large square must contain the numbers 1 to 9 inclusive.

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

So, beginner or expert, happy hunting!



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH



The county conference on Saturday 30th January 2021 was held virtually by Zoom, sadly we learnt that those at the Legion HQ had decided it was the right time to, announce the design of a new logo to bring it up to date, this cost £100.000 to produce, this when we had been told that funds were not available for care homes or the “the handyman with the van”, plus the fact the Poppy Appeal last year was 20 million less than 2019, which was no fault of our poppy organisers who had worked tremendously hard during these difficult times.

In light of this decision a motion of urgency was raised by the Stowmarket branch and supported by Sudbury requesting that the roll out of the logo and image be delayed, sadly before the motion reached HQ the money had already been spent, not to be outdone our County Chairman got in touch with HQ and stated in no uncertain terms the feelings and objections received from some members within the County, as a result of this Gary Ryan Director of marketing has agreed to a meeting to which Chairmen, Vice chairmen and secretaries of all Suffolk County branches will be invited to attend this when this when such a meeting will be allowed to take place.

I got the feeling that HQ were unprepared for the backlash their selfish attitude had unleashed and that any future decisions of this nature will be subject to members approval, we live in hope!

At the present time we are not allowed to hold branch meetings.

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Volunteer to assist with the Spring Litter Pick taking place on 6/7th March.

All equipment bags, litter pick sticks etc. and hi-viz will be provided. A Litter Pick Guidance sheet will be provided in advance along with the contact details for the people who will co-ordinate the operation including the areas to be covered.

If you'd like to help, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@walshampc.myzen.co.uk or on 01359 259 794 who will put you in touch with the Parish Councillors who will coordinate.

The litter pick will take place with due regard to social distancing and appropriate open air Covid precautions.

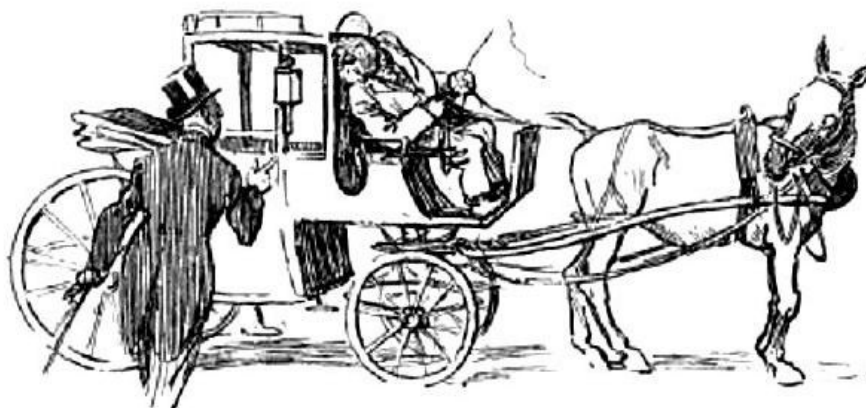


VILLAGE MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Following the receipt by the Parish Council of this year's ROSPA report (inspection of Play Area Safety) Cllr Paul Arbon has suggested the Parish Council asks volunteers to come forward to assist with minor maintenance jobs that crop up at the Play Area and elsewhere around the village.

Cllr Arbon will co-ordinate these volunteers along with existing volunteers who led the consultation exercises which aim to ensure that the future development of the play area meets the expectations of local people.

If you feel you might be able to assist and have a little spare time, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance at clerk@walshampc.myzen.co.uk or 01359 259 794



SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Sponsored Bike Ride

12th September 2020

The bike ride did take place last September. It was a lovely day and a great success!

A record amount of over £157,000 was raised for churches and chapels across all of Suffolk.

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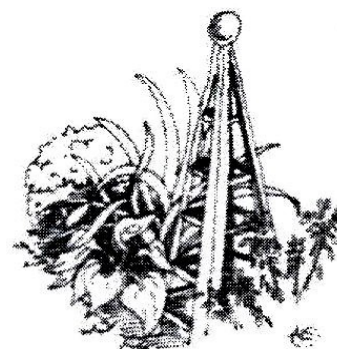
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PRE-DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS FOR THE PLAY PARK

The Parish Council will soon finalise and sign the lease and be in a position to start development of the Play Park in Townhouse Road. There are already some funds set aside for the development and the Council will be bidding for further funds.

The consultation that took place at the end of 2018 resulted in a proposal for a number of prioritised phases for development. As the consultation was conducted some time ago, before going ahead, the Parish Council are interested to hear villagers' views on the proposals and any other suggestions.

Phase 1 was development of a Younger Children's Area

Including a large centre piece, several activity areas, e.g. Large Wooden 'ship' or 'fort' with a slide, log climber, rock climber, log ramp etc. Cradle Swing with 2 cradle seats, a Horse Safari Springer and a Two way Shark Springer. Combined picnic table and seats.

It was not thought necessary to enclose this area in fencing, but we welcome your views.

Phase 2: Zip Wire

A timber 20m Zip Wire with a 2m platform

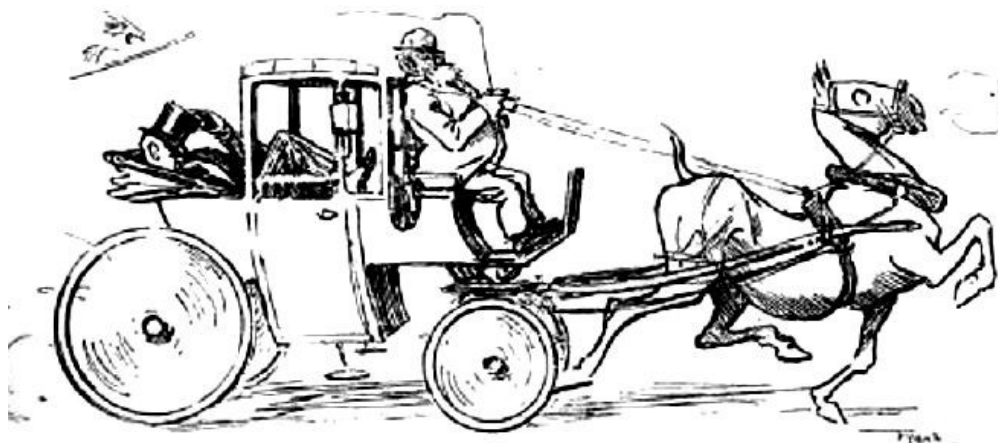
Phase 3: Adults and older children's Outdoor Gym Area

Several stations such as a Double Slalom Skier, a Double Health Walker, a Double Squat Push, an Arm and Pedal Bicycle, and a Combination Pull Down Challenger & Power Push.

Existing equipment will be refurbished. Grounds and wooded area will be tidied and developed, hopefully with the help of local volunteers.

There could be later additions such as a Sunken Mini Trampoline, as and when further funding becomes available.

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LITTLE WILLOWS PRESCHOOL NEWS



As we write this article, we are now on the half term break with the last 6 weeks having flown by with us all enjoying lots of fun and learning some of which we have already shared with you. Since last month we have been involved in activities related to National Literacy Week, alliteration and tongue twisters, which all help to develop the children's language and communication skills along with supporting their phonological awareness. We listened to stories in a variety of ways from being read by the adults or making use of technology and watching them on the iPad. Staff also read stories on Facebook to those children not in setting. Supporting their understanding of the stories we set up roleplay activities so they could act out 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', which also introduces lots of mathematical language. They also acted out a great favourite 'The Bear Hunt' in the garden which encourages them to join in with repetitive phrases and show an understanding of simple prepositions. Using their creative skills and imagination the children also created their own 'Supertato' characters and we talked about vegetables being a 'super' way to keep healthy.

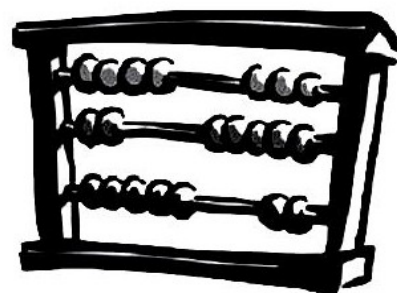
The weather especially Storm Darcy has also provided us with great learning opportunities especially science and new vocabulary. We talked a lot about freezing and then what makes the snow melt. We introduced other words such as fluffy, fluttering, blizzard and icicle. We made ice sculptures by leaving coloured water out to freeze and used sticks to draw in the snow, a great way to encourage those less keen to practice their mark making. The children really love the snow, not so sure about the adults!

We have also been concentrating on the children's 'wellbeing' and finding ways to support how they feel. We used Valentine's day to talk about who we love and made a 'Hug Heart' and used strawberries to decorate a heart shaped cake we cooked. We also all dressed in red on the last day of term as part of CHD (Congenital Heart Disease) Awareness Day to show our support for one of our own little 'superhero's.' We will continue with activities that help with promoting their self-esteem and to encourage them to express themselves. Looking back over the last year although we are an educational setting, we are primarily a Charity run by a set of dedicated volunteer parents, who along with the staff have continued to provide a full early years' service and wrap around care on most days since September. We also remained open for the children of key workers and those deemed vulnerable, non-stop from Easter until the Summer break, along with keeping in touch with those at home.

We have been fortunate to have had support and donations from several people and companies and would like to pass on our thanks. They have included items of PPE from TMJ Interiors and Julia's World of Stitching, who made fabric face masks for all staff, along with a cash donation from a parent. Clarkes of Walsham provided us with items for the garden of compost, seeds and bulbs some of which we sent out to parents to grow at home. We also received a Locality Budget Grant from our Mid Suffolk District Councillor Richard Mayer with which we were able to buy 2 Canvas panels for our gazebo to provide a more sheltered area in the garden so that we can play outside whatever the weather, along with extra wet weather clothing for our children. Again thank you to all for your support.

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PARISH COUNCIL OF WALSHAM LE WILLOWS MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2021 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

[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 and Cllr Fleming for the County (both for part of meeting).

1 FIRST BUSINESS

1.1 **Acceptance of apologies** – none received

1.2 **The minutes of the meetings** held on 12th January 2021 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)**

Having drawn attention to the progress of the Local Plan, Cllr Meyer invited questions on his previously circulated report. Cllr Ellis thanked Cllr Meyer for advice and signposting to additional funding support for the Memorial Hall.

Cllr Fleming invited questions on her previously circulated report. Cllr Belson asked for clarification on what constitutes ‘contamination’ of recycling waste given press reports of the scale of this problem. Cllr Fleming advised that the worst problem was including nappies and food waste with recycling. MSDC with SCC have launched a ‘Together we can get this right campaign’ to try to help increase the recycling rate. Clerk to publish on usual channels along with notice that refuse collectors will be working over the weekend to catch up on backlogs caused by the weather: <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/2021-drive-to-help-residents-get-re-cycling-right/>

Cllr Mecrow asked Cllr Fleming about the re-siting of the 30mph limit on Wattisfield Road, given that the Parish Council would look for Cllr Fleming's support which she said she would be very happy to offer. This can cost tens of thousands of pounds and the Clerk reminded that it had been mooted that the Parish Council would, at the appropriate time endeavour to get this included as a condition for the expected planning application for the Broad Meadow site.

Cllr Fleming asked about progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Belson

advised that this was progressing slowly.

The full reports can be found on the village website at: <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/explore/governance-community/parish-council/#parish-council-documents-meeting-records>

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/21/00536 Proposal: Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Fell 1 No Birch tree, leaning over and overhanging neighbour's property (re-planting other trees) **Location:** 7 Cherry Tree Row, Finningham Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BQ. **The parish council made no comment**

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/00694: Proposal:

Householder Planning Application - Erection of single storey side extension and two storey rear extension (following demolition of outbuilding). **Location:** 4 Grove Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 3AF. **The parish council made no comment**

APPLICATION DC/20/05239 REF: 1352/17 – update on reported issues

Letters from parishioner about traffic issues responded to by Cllr Meyer. Another by the Clerk. Also reported to enforcement and cc'd to Simon Bailey and John Pateman-Gee at MSDC and to Cllrs Fleming and Meyer. As a result, Cllrs Fleming and Meyer have kindly offered to make a site visit to discuss the lack of adherence to the transport plan with the Lovell site manager. The Clerk responded to another email from a parishioner about traffic calming advising that the Parish Council had discussed the re-siting of the 30mph limit, and the intention was to see if this could be stipulated as a condition of the Broad Meadow application when it is submitted. It maybe that the inclusion of traffic calming could be considered at that time as well.

Holmwood 2434 - update

The clerk was advised by a parishioner that an un-dated consultation notice was posted on a lamp post near to the site (previously advised to councillors by email). It was noted that the Clerk had since been advised by planning that this is not a new notice and that no response was required. It was affixed with 'magic tape' so would not have been posted by MSDC.

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

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

- DC/20/05639

Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - T1 (Sycamore) - Pollard due to excessive shading **Location:** 2 Church View, The Causeway,

4 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 **Development & Neighbourhood Plan** - Cllr Belson advised that this is progressing slowly. Meeting on 21st January very successful when the Broad Meadow development was discussed along with the beginning of the attention to environment issues. Meetings continue on Zoom but that scheduled for 4th February did not take place.
- 4.2 **Streetlighting conversion update** – Clerk reported that phase III works had been chased but that these may well be delayed due to impacts of the pandemic and lockdown. Clerk has contacted one of the two milk delivery companies thought by neighbours to have been responsible for knocking over the lamp post at the entrance to Pound Close around 23:30 on 26th January. So far, no liability admitted. Repairs will be charged to the Highways, rather than Parish Council, budget. Clerk to pursue a bit further.
- 4.3 **Community Council & Foodbank**- Cllrs. Ellis and Bartholomew advised village hall still closed, and that in absence of being able to hold and an AGM the independent examiner's report and the final accounts for years ended 2018 and 2019 had been published in the Observer. The food bank has delivered 177.38kg of food to residents in January, significantly up from the 105 in December.
- 4.4 **200 Club** Cllr Bartholomew and Cllr Meyer – responses from SCC/MSDC remain delayed due to sickness and re-deployment.
- 4.5 **Finningham Road blind bend – traffic speed** – Update Clerk and Cllr Fleming - responses from SCC/MSDC remain delayed due to sickness and re-deployment.
- 4.6 **Hedge and debris on The Causeway** - update Clerk and Cllr Fleming - responses from SCC/MSDC remain delayed due to sickness and re-deployment.
- 4.7 **Fishponds Lane & Betty's Bridge Footpaths** - update Clerk - responses from SCC/MSDC remain delayed due to sickness and re-deployment.
- 4.8 **Maintenance of Assets: Actions**
- Clerk - Parish Council Shed - Cllr Roberts will endeavour to provide sprayer for application of woodworm treatment.
 - Cllr Ellis - village sign - remains delayed until lockdown eases and weather improves
 - Cllr Roberts/Arbon - Bus Shelter Clerk advised Replacement panels received and safely stored. Waiting for better weather before fitting.
 - Clerk - SIDs Clerk advised Awaiting delivery (early March). £530 Locality Award received that nearly covers this expenditure.
- 4.9 **Village Maintenance volunteers** Clerk/Cllr Arbon reported that ad was not put in Observer last month. Clerk to place again in March edition. Cllr Arbon suggested that the Parish Council contact the organisers of the new Walsham Community

Hub Facebook page to ask if they could put out a call for volunteers.

4.10 **Streetsweeper role** - The clerk reported that new pavement sweeper has started work and is being guided as to the Parish Council's expectations of the role. Cllr Arbon reported that an inspection of the streetsweeper barrow had revealed issues with the axle that make repair uneconomic. The report circulated by the clerk on the replacement options that were up to the task was considered. The proposed expenditure (option 1) was unanimously agreed. Clerk to place order and investigate costs of a housing for the new barrow. The Clerk noted that David Murray had kindly offered to assist with the dumping of bags of waste until the barrow is replaced. The Clerk also advised of the requirement to offer new employees the option of joining a pension scheme and is preparing the necessary paperwork. Clerk to investigate requirement further and take the necessary steps.

4.11 **Play Area**

- **Play Area Lease & Development Plans** – The Clerk advised that the cleaned draft of marked up lease addressing policy issues as agreed between Ian Campbell for the Old Town Trust and the Parish Clerk for the Parish Council, was submitted back to Ian for review and submission to the OTT solicitor. Draft lease now with Greene & Greene for their legal opinion. The Clerk advised that the finally agreed lease will need to be signed by two councillors with Clerk as witness. ACTION Cllr Kinnair to prepare item for publication on the upcoming development of the play area that have been based on the consultations, to seek further comments from residents before proceeding.
- **The Pound** – Cllr Bartholomew advised that two parishioners who have recently joined the Community Council have suggested doing something with this unused area of the village to smarten it up and discussions have ascertained that the OTT are the owners. A proposal has been put forward that this parcel of land be included in the new lease the Parish Council are soon to sign with the OTT for the Play Area. The Parish Council are in full agreement that this is a positive and welcome initiative for the village. The proposal was discussed. The Parish Council are in full agreement that this is a positive and welcome initiative for the village but decided against the proposal at this time because there are issues to be worked through on responsibilities and costs that will take some time, including potentially expensive maintenance, the need for an initial survey, the question of who insures the structure. There may be others. Taking this forward now for incorporation into the proposed new lease would cause undue delay to the commencement of long planned redevelopment of the Play Area. It is possible that if these issues can be worked through then this proposal could possibly be reconsidered later. In the meantime, the Parish Council would enthusiastically support any informal arrangement as between the OTT and the parishioners who have put forward this excellent idea.
- **Emptying of Bins and Equipment** Clerk advised that key lock had been replaced with a new combi lock. The code has been supplied to the grass

cutting contractors and will be supplied to the contractor who empties the bins for MSDC.

- **Volunteer work** - The Clerk reported that Gareth Rees, volunteer, has been making good progress having replaced the backing to notice boards, adjusted the gates for appropriate finger room, cut back hedging near the gates and repaired and the first of the picnic tables. Work on the second bench is underway. Cllr Ellis was very pleased to report that this work is all being done to date. The Clerk advised that he had thanked Gareth on behalf of the Parish Council for this excellent work.

5 OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 5.1 **Community Hub Facebook Page as a source of volunteers**– Cllr Arbon noted the numbers of subscribers to the new Community Hub Facebook page in a very short space of time. It is clear that requests that are put out in the Observer and on the village web site are not reaching this group of people so he proposed that the Parish Council should contact the group admins to see if they are open to using the page to assist the Parish Council in finding more volunteers for various tasks that would benefit the village and facilitate community interactions particularly amongst younger people who may not be reached by traditional forums. The upcoming works to the Play Area, the spring litter pick and stream clearance are all activities that would benefit greatly from this sort of engagement. Cllr Arbon feels that there will be many amongst the new Facebook group who may be willing to help. Clerk to contact the group admins to ask if they could help to public Parish Council requests for volunteers.
- 5.2 **Stream maintenance** - Discussed considering opinions expressed in The Observer again this month about a regular maintenance plan and how this might be organised. It was decided that in the first instance the Clerk contact current organiser to ask his views.
- 5.3 **Closed Churchyard** – The clerk advised of meeting on-site with surveyor, Philip Orchard of Whitworth, (recommended by the PCC). It is not thought that the wall is in imminent danger of collapsing with concomitant risk to passers-by although he would not be surprised if more sections of the front course fell out. The quinquennial survey for PCC not due until the summer and would in any case, not include an in-depth survey of the wall. He is sending a quote for a survey of the complete wall. Clerk to circulate for approval when received. The surveyor also advised that ivy growth is very destructive to flint walls and should be removed. Clerk to deal with this using stump killer.
- 5.4 **Report of lamppost knocked over by milk lorry delivering milk on 26th Jan at about 23:30.** The clerk has ascertained that the Parish Council will not be required to pay for this damage. Highways will deal with it the costs of course, being passed to the Council Tax bills. Enquiries with one of the milk delivery firms has so far resulted in a denial of liability. If there is time the Clerk will

pursue with the other milk delivery company.

- 5.5 **Spring Litter Pick** –discussed and dates 6th and 7th March were set for this spring. Cllr Roberts will contact MSDC for more kit. Clerk to update the risk assessment and the Litter Pick Guidance and instigate publication of request for more volunteers via the usual channels and to the new Community Hub Facebook group.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 **Letter of thanks from EACH and EAAA** for the donations advising uses to which it will be put – to be noted
- 6.2 **Letter advising, as a matter of courtesy, of pollarding at The Chestnuts** – to be noted
- 6.3 **Letter to Cllr Ellis, circulated to all councillors, following her request for advice from Gardens Weekend Committee on how to re-invigorate the roses lining the path through the closed churchyard.** Representatives of Gardens Weekend Committee have kindly submitted a proposal and Mike Unitt has generously offered to properly prune the existing bushes at the appropriate time, free of charge. It has further been suggested that if the reinvigoration of the existing bushes is successful then it might be an idea to try to identify the variety so that more can be sourced to fill in the gaps along the path. In the meantime, it was also suggested that the planting of daffodils along both sides of the path would enhance the churchyard in the spring and that all the work might be funded by requesting donations from organisations and individuals. Clerk to work with GWC on this.

7 REPORTS

- 7.1 **Clerk's report & financial report to 31st January 2021 & 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. All payments were duly authorised.

#	Payee	Amount	Description
1	Parish Council Employee	£45.78	Pavement Sweeping
2	Ladywell Accountancy Service	£9.00	Payroll, additional employee for 2 months
3	All Plastics Ltd	£277.26	Bus Shelter Panels
4	Clarkes of Walsham	£28.43	Woodworm Treatment
5	SCC HO Coll A/C	£4585.98	Phase II Streetlighting Upgrades
7	Parish Council Employee	£107.20	Reimbursement annual subs Zoom

7	Parish Council Employee	£871.78	Wages
#	Payments In	Amount	Description
1	BMSDC Ref:EBC0037871	£530.00	Locality Award

- 7.2 **New payroll admin needed** – The clerk advised that Ladywell Accounting services have notified the ending of their service. The Clerk has obtained a quote of £138 pa from SALC for two employees. This compares well to the charge for same by Ladywell which would be £108 for 2 employees which was very reasonable. Given the very small difference the Clerk propose SALC the Parish Council engages SALC for this service from 1st April. Unanimously agreed. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.
- 7.3 **Problem Reports SCC** The Clerk advised:
Wattisfield Road blocked drainage pipes x2 under the road reported and advised for unblocking by SCC highways. Nothing heard yet from planning or highways about the drain on the Finningham Road, Four Ashes drain remains blocked and nothing heard about that either. The blocked drain on Grove Road has been advised as surveyed and that it does not meet the criteria for clearing at this time. The Clerk noted the drain, again, outside Clarkes where flood water is running down the stream bank at various points with very little coming through the drainage pipe. Clerk to report. Email from parishioner re the wall to the edge of the stream near Bridge house. Clerk to investigate and report, as necessary.
- 7.4 **Precept** Clerk reported that the claim had been submitted and acknowledged – noted

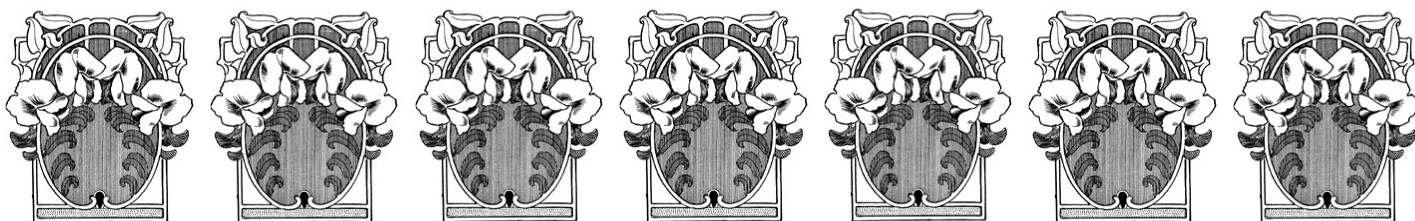
8 FOOTPATHS & TREES

- 8.1 **Footpath Warden - Cllr Belson** - Nothing to report
- 8.2 **Tree Warden – Cllr Belson** - Nothing to report. Clerk noted report from parishioner about felling on the roadside bank at Cayzer's Meadow.

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

Meeting ended at 21:30

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





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FROM SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

Women of Vanuatu

March – a month full of activity. March 1st is the Feast Day of the Patron Saint of Wales, St David. March 3rd is World Wildlife Day; March 4th World Book Day; March 14th Mothering Sunday; March 21st World Poetry Day as well as the 1st day of Spring; and March 28th Palm Sunday.

For nearly 100 years, and with its origins going back to 1887, the first Friday in March celebrates World Day of Prayer (until recently Women's World Day of Prayer); this year March 5th. Every year worship services focus on a different country and a specific theme; prepared by women from that chosen country; this year the focus is upon the women of **Vanuatu**.

An independent country since 1980, made up of 80 islands, situated in the South Pacific 2000 miles east of Australia, with a population of 300,000. The official languages are French and English, although the country has more languages and dialects than anywhere else in the world. Education is neither compulsory nor free, and most families can only afford to educate one child, with boys getting priority. With 60% of women and girls thought to suffer from physical or/and sexual violence, it is no surprise that the health of women and children are key national priorities of the Government.

The economy is poor and reliant largely upon tourism, but foreign owned big hotels tend to take their profits elsewhere. The gap in wealth is huge. Women represent 40% of the labour force, but rarely in leadership roles. Opportunities for women to set up business are naturally limited. The Government supports gender equality, but there is no political will to implement it.

For this years World Day of Prayer, with worship of some form held in 170 countries, the prayer of the women of **Vanuatu** is that the voice of **Vanuatu** women will be heard across the world and that, in **Vanuatu**, health and educational opportunities will improve. Both the Anglican and Catholic churches are extremely supportive in the country, and 83% of the population are deemed Christian.

The women of **Vanuatu** have chosen the theme for this year; '**Build on a Strong Foundation**,' taken from the Bible passage Matthew 7: 24-27. Their reason being; 'They thank God for triumphs in key moments in their history and proudly declare their nation is built on the Rock of Ages, Christ the King....We need to build our homes, our nations and the world on the word of Jesus who reminded us about the golden rule' – 'in everything do to others as you would have them do to you.'

The aim of World Day of Prayer is to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer. All monies raised are sent to areas who experience natural disasters and to assist in implementing small communal projects around the world; particularly in that years chosen country .

St Marys Church Walsham will be holding its annual Benefice World Day of Prayer Service at 10.00am on Friday 5th March, **all – male or female** - are very welcome. Sadly the service will be without refreshments this year.

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WHAT ARE THE SILVER LININGS

In The Midst Of This Horrible Period?

Participating in the neighbourhood planning group, our focus has been on seeking an appropriate route forward for the right housing development within the village but the next stage in the Plan is to consider what might improve our existing footpaths, wildlife corridors or even our long-term contribution to global warming by planting more trees. We are incredibly lucky in our local farmers with the many footpaths well maintained and also their general use of environment schemes for the benefit of wildlife, however changes in the support mechanisms after Brexit means new opportunities will occur.

The 'silver lining' I mention relates to the linkage between this and what has happened during the pandemic when lockdown has forced a change in much of our normal lifestyle. I, for one, have walked the parish in a way I never used to even when we had dogs to exercise and it has given me a much greater awareness of the detail of where I have lived for the past 50 years. I have certainly met more people, looked at more different house constructions, peered in gardens that have not opened in Open Gardens weekend in the past and overall have learned a lot about my village.

All the above, starts to become important as the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to engage with people in the village on what environmental features are good, could be improved or even totally altered. The desire to plant trees, hedges, orchards, create wildlife corridors or establish ponds can be aspirations for all of us but cannot be achieved without the support of the landowners and in some cases their tenant farmers. At this stage, the promised financial changes to support environmental schemes remains unclear but what we can be certain about is that they will have to be of sufficient magnitude to enable farm businesses to remain viable.

It is so important that all sides engage in this discussion if we are to make what is already a great place to live, even better.

Ian Campbell



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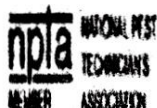
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WILDLIFE IN MARCH

Hopefully by now we will be having milder weather compared to February. Hedgehogs may start to slowly wake up mid-March/April depending on the weather. They will have lost at least half of their body weight during this period, so they will be hungry hoggies in the search of food. If you have visiting hedgehogs then you can leave dry/wet cat, dog or hedgehog food out and always a shallow bowl of water. If you find a hedgehog that looks unwell/sick or is wobbly which is a sign of dehydration they will need urgent help. Put them into a box with a towel, make sure they cannot get out as they are great escape artists and then call a hedgehog rescue ASAP. If you are in the village you can call me on 07794709616 as I foster for the Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital. You may now start to see Frogs and Toads in your pond ready for the breeding season. Frogs will lay their spawn in clumps where Toads will spawn in a string like way, normally attached around pond plants. You do not need to have a big pond to have wildlife visiting, you can put a bowl into the ground and fill up with water with a few plants, you will be surprised at what pondlife you can attract! Many of us now will be thinking of what flowers we would like in our gardens, just the thought of seeing colour again lifts our spirits. We can attract a lot of insects into our gardens such as Butterflies and Bees which need our help. Butterflies like flowers such as Verbena, Buddleia, Asters and Lavender, and Bees like flowers such as Allium, Foxgloves, most herbs and more. Blue, Purple and Yellow colours are the most appealing. Remember that even though double petalled flowers are beautiful the insects have a hard time getting to the nectar, instead opt for single petalled flowers or a mix of both. Birds will have started to build their nests collecting a variety of materials to line them such as moss, dried grasses, and dog or cat hair. Pigeons will build their nests out of twigs, I was lucky enough last year to have a nesting pair and how those eggs stay in that flimsy nest of twigs I will never know! Always remember to wash and disinfect feeding stations, bird feeders and bird baths in order to stop the spread of parasites.

Angie Nice

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FOOTPRINTS

So many footprints in the overnight snow, so many creatures out and about in the stark cold of it all. Cat paw prints from the house follow the path then veer across the border, through a half timbered fence into our neighbour's garden. Search as I may there are no returning prints, yet both cats are in our kitchen now. How is that?

More prints carry towards a gate, where the tracks are scuffed and unreadable, before emerging on the other side, making for a high brick wall, where our bins make an excellent stepping stone. But the forward edge of the bin is wiped clean above a small pile of snow below. I do so wish I had seen who lost a foothold on their way to the wall!

The view across the garden is all humps, bumps, troughs and hollows where plants have gathered the drifting snow to themselves, creating something reminiscent of a prehistoric landscape of burial mounds. And there's a large circular bush of box looking like some enormous pudding with a topping of cream or custard.

Beneath the birdseed feeders which hang in the apple tree you would think a small army had engaged with an enemy to trample the snow in circles of at least one foot radius, where ground feeding birds have benefitted from the feeding frenzy above them. Three toed footprints with a rear claw are everywhere, looking like lines of aircraft with swept back wings seen from space, grounded during the pandemic.

Pairs of parallel scuff marks in the snow an inch or so apart, punctuated by deep clean holes every few inches, as of holes made with a walking stick; are these the tracks of muntjacs, rarely seen in the garden but now a proven regular visitor close to the house? One set leads down the bank of the stream but not back, so the stream is no barrier to their marauding, unless perhaps when running in spate.

The rest of the garden is a complete scene of humps and bumps, hollows and troughs, where snowdrops and emerging meadow primroses are preparing to offer a bold burst of colour when weather permits. And these humps and hollows across the garden seem to mirror a sky full of small cushions of cloud which, may be, threaten yet more snow.

The bottom of the garden, beyond the prying eye, where invasive piles of garden rubbish await a consuming bonfire, and a tumbling pile of timber will, sometime, become logs for an indoor fire, and rustic compost bins full of lawn mowing, garden rubbish and kitchen waste are covered with sheets of unsightly plastic, all have been re-imagined, re-created in the ultimate beautiful makeover, redesigned by snow at a price which we can all afford. What a joy.

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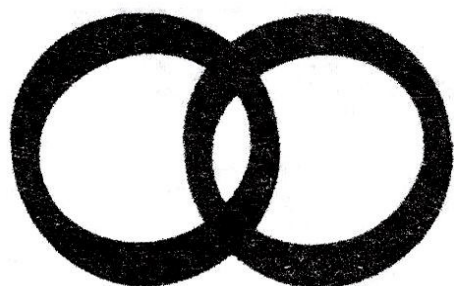
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SPORTS CLUB NEWS

There really isn't any to report !

The Club sits there yearning for use and no-one to see all the hard work that has gone in to make it a place Walsham can be proud of. My guess is that during lockdown, we, like lots of people at home, will have been tackling many of those jobs that are always there to be done but never had time for. Lofts sorted and much useless stuff junked; washing machine and tumble dryer fitted to deal with football shirts when they are again in use; numerous photos and other material back up on recently decorated walls and, sad to say , disposal of out of date stock from behind the bar. One adventurous mouse had found his way behind there as well and had a very happy final period to his life eating chocolate; it is amazing how much one mouse can eat unless the others recognised that life would not continue if they remained.

All praise to chairman , Mike Powles, and his helpers for all the hours they have put in our behalf.

We are making our guesses along with Boris when some activity can start and have pencilled in the prospect of youth football before the end of March; it is likely to be restricted to friendlies as league fixtures are looking impractical to get in before summer.

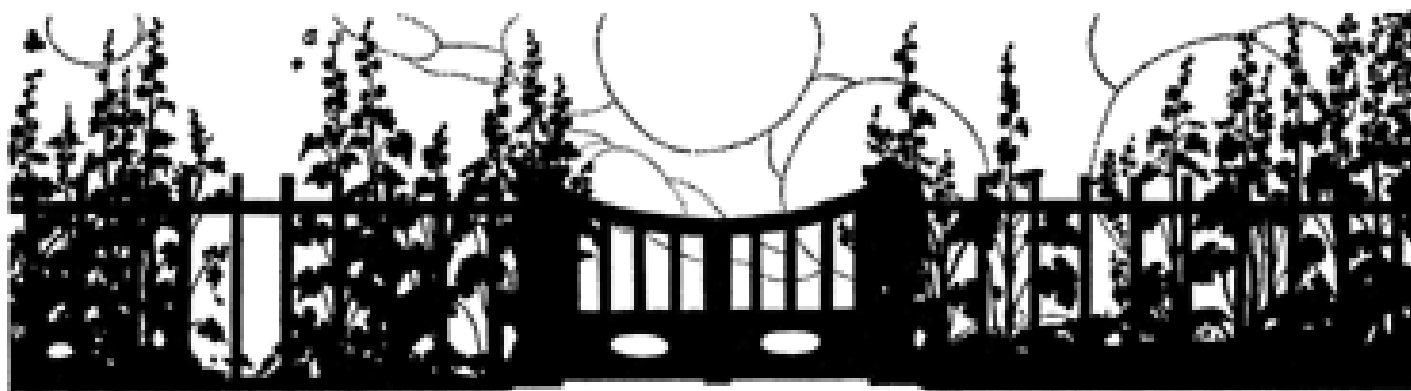
When we are open, we are going to need your presence so keep your eyes open !

Ian Campbell

MARCH CHURCH SERVICES

As has been the case since the second lockdown ended in November, church services are still taking place across the Benefice, albeit in limited numbers and with restrictions. At the time of writing (middle of February), I am unable to plan beyond the middle of March; for services in the second half of March, Holy Week and Easter please see any of the church notice - boards across the Benefice, visit the 'A Church Near You' website, or please contact myself. Philip 07526 271784

Friday March 5th 10.00am	Walsham Church	World Day of Prayer
Sunday March 7 th 9.30am	Walsham Church	3rd Sunday of Lent
Sunday March 14 th 8.00am	Walsham Church	Mothering Sunday
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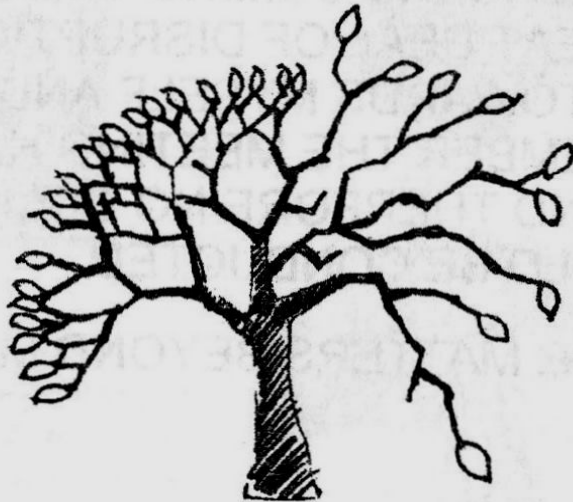
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THE STORY OF WALSHAM VILLAGE POUND AND A VILLAGE DURING DESPERATE TIMES

Since the winter rains and snow have turned the local footpaths into quagmires many of us have taken to walking daily circuits of the village, making it rather a sociable event as inevitably you will always bump into someone you know. That, of course, is the beauty of living in a small village, unless you are an unsociable person, then it becomes a distinct disadvantage!

Most of you will therefore be familiar with the site of the old village pound as you take your daily exercise, but for those of you who don't know what it is, or even where it is, the following may interest you. The old 'Village Pound' is situated on the corner of Townhouse Road and Jolly's Way and is a square red brick enclosure with a gap where a gate would once have hung. It may not look much but it is important as a reminder of a period of great change in rural areas and also of much hardship endured by the inhabitants of Walsham le Willows during these times.

From the earliest days when animals were first domesticated, there has been a need for a place to keep livestock safe. The first pounds were built to protect livestock from wolves and thieves, only later did its use evolve as a place for housing animals that had strayed. The term 'pound' also known as a 'pinfold' is Saxon in origin being 'pund' and 'pundfald', but both have the same meaning 'enclosure'. There will have been animal pounds in the Walsham area even prior to Saxon times as there were much earlier settlements here evidenced by some wonderful archaeological finds. There are also mentions of 'animal pounds' in some of the 14th century manorial court records. The 'pinder' (pound keeper) being in the employ of the Lord of the Manor.

Animal pounds tended to vary in shape and size and were usually built of whatever strong natural material was readily available locally, for example: in Cumbria and Yorkshire they were built of large rough stones in the 'dry stone wall' style. Walsham's Grade II listed Animal Pound was built in 1819 to replace a previous pound which stood at the other end of the village in the vicinity of the cemetery, by the bridge, which is not shown on maps after 1817. It is constructed of red brick with a brick plinth to strengthen the walls and would have had a gate to secure the stray animals, mainly sheep and cattle, sometimes horses, to stop them from roaming and spoiling crops and gardens. It would have been built close to a well or pump to provide water for the animals. Owners of impounded animals would usually have had to pay a fine to get their animals out of the pound, as well as compensation for any damage done by their animals, plus reimbursement to the Pound Keeper (in earlier times known as the Pound Looker or Pinder) for animal feed. We don't know how much the fines were, but costs to reclaim an animal would have been high in comparison to the weekly earnings of most people at that time. Some would not have been able to pay within the given three weeks and in such cases the animal would have been sold on at market, with the owner



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receiving none of the profits. There is no record of how rigorously the payment of fines was applied but we do know that at in the early 19th century the loss of animals or the payment of fines could send families from living on the breadline into destitution.

Our 'Village Pound' was built during a time of great unrest and poverty throughout the country. The Enclosure Acts, a series of Parliamentary Acts passed between 1750 and 1860, meant the removal of collective village rights of access to free common grazing and other uses of the land, such as growing crops and collecting firewood. Many of the poor relied on this access to fend off starvation. Following the Acts land was required to be enclosed by walling or hedging, leaving people to find land to graze their animals wherever they could or alternatively rent some enclosed land, usually beyond the means of most. It is, therefore, rather a puzzle why a new, very smart pound was built in Walsham at this time when across the country many others were falling into disrepair through lack of use. One possible explanation is the use of unenclosed wide road verges mapped around Walsham at Upstreet (Crownland Road), Palmer's Street, the Badwell Road and West Street in earlier times, which could have still been in use for common grazing at this time. Unfortunately, I am unable to verify the availability of this land in 1819 due to current closures, but if so, it would have necessitated the continued need for an animal pound at this time.

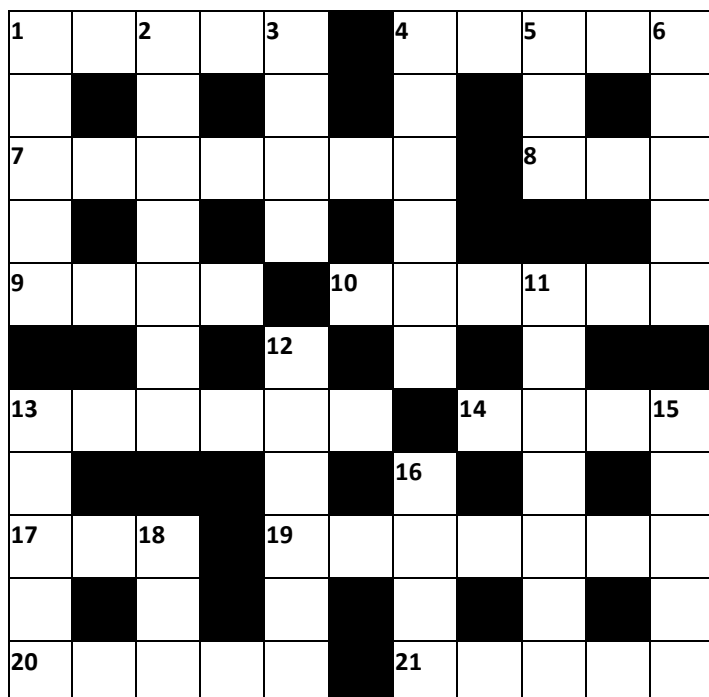
The Corn Laws also continued to cause great hardship. These were introduced in 1816 (following the end of the Napoleonic Wars) and were brought in to block inexpensive foreign imports of grain by taxing them to bring about an intentional rise in the cost of home-grown grain. Whilst this was good for the large landowners, it made the plight of the poor and unemployed much worse as they could not afford the high price of flour and bread. As usual this meant the rich got richer and the poor poorer. As a result, all over the country there was poverty, unrest and discontent leading to riots, such as the infamous Peterloo massacre in Manchester, where soldiers fired on protesters killing eleven and wounded many others. In Walsham poverty spread through the community as 'small farmers' who had bought or rented land in better times found themselves unable to pay their loans or rents. By 1816 over a third of the inhabitants of Suffolk and Walsham were reliant on relief from the parish or on the breadline, some having reached the last resort of the workhouse. Records show that many Walsham families lived in overcrowded, squalid conditions with poor sanitation. One couple rented half a small cottage at Four Ashes and raised nine children in these cramped conditions relying solely on relief from the parish in the early 1820's. These were very hard times indeed and there was a serious increase in crime and theft. As a result, several Walsham landowners joined The Badwell Ash Association that was formed '*for the purpose of prosecuting felonies etc. of all descriptions upon the persons and properties of the members*'. Their meetings were held at the White Horse in Badwell Ash. At this time, theft was usually the result of hunger and the need to feed a young family, however, this did not deter the delivering of harsh punishments often disproportionate to the crime. In 1821 Edward Miller, was convicted of stealing a quantity of flour and gingerbread from his employer, William Darby, who owned the Old Bakery and Bakehouse in The Street. He was transported to Tasmania as punishment for this crime.

These desperate times were the catalyst of change for rural England with many leaving the agricultural life behind to look for work in the towns. With the coming of the railways travel was easier so by 1851, for the first time there were more people living in the towns than in the countryside, with the population of Suffolk falling by some 50,000. Gradually, village pounds became redundant and many across the country fell into disrepair. We are fortunate that ours still stands as a listed building and as a reminder of the hardships our predecessors in Walsham endured.

As I wrote this article, I could not help but draw parallels to the current situation we find ourselves in today. Two hundred years on and we still have families who are close to destitution and reliant on foodbanks, through no fault of their own. The fiascos following Brexit over the import and export of goods continues to bemuse and anger us, whilst the exodus from countryside to town has suddenly gone into reverse gear with people leaving the towns *en masse* to seek the 'Good Life' in rural England once again, although not to work on the land but in front of a screen! I wonder what the historians of the future will have to say about all of this? Plenty, I imagine!

Walsham History Group

WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Sped to find the expert in the highway. (5)
4. Order letters for the witch's curse. (5)
7. Claret's brewed to this colour sometimes. (7)
8. Strange spirit. (3)
9. Jotting a musical item. (4)
10. Break the trance to change one's mind. (6)

(6)

13. Aim to get tar changed. (6)
14. Happy for the good boy. (4)
17. It's the present in nowhere else. (3)
19. Rides in to become central to the group. (7)
20. More a small part player. (5)
21. Dries out for the journeys. (5)

DOWN

1. By gum! It's a sap! (5)
2. Singer might pipe with the drones. (7)
3. The fool was told to change. (4)
4. Easy catch for the artist's model. (6)
5. Listener in the bear garden. (3)
6. Restriction found in slim items of clothing. (5)
11. It was to be dualled for a change as suggested. (7)
12. Retsina loses heart in the viewer. (6)
13. It's a strain with the past, present or future. (5)
15. Reads about challenges. (5)
16. The employer is sure of change. (4)
18. Humour without end. (3)

MUSINGS

I wrote a short article in the February issue of the Observer having a whinge about the seven week closure of Wattisfield Road. I mentioned that I had been in touch with the developers of 'The Acorns' but recommended not holding breath whilst waiting for their reaction to my suggestion that they might make a goodwill gesture for the inconvenience caused to many villagers. I am happy to say that you can breathe out again!

A senior executive of Lovell's has been in contact with me and I am very pleased to say that he fully understands that the long closure was disruptive ... and I am almost persuaded that it was unavoidable. He has agreed to make a meaningful contribution to the village, in respect of the inconvenience caused.

David Britton

May I say a massive thank you to the volunteers who carried out what must have been a huge undertaking towards the maintenance of keeping the River flowing.

Hopefully, any future attempts to volunteer their hard work towards improving elsewhere in the Village will not have been spoiled by the disappointment caused by some persons who were unaware that homes could have been otherwise waterlogged, especially with the recent floods.

Water voles are intelligent little creatures and would move out as soon as they are temporally disturbed, possibly rowing off down the River to enjoy a cup of Hot Chocolate with Toady and chums at Toad Hall, returning later in the day when their part of the bank had been cleared.

In the event of the River levels becoming high their habitat could have been compromised anyway.

Patsy Peachy

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During the reign of Queen Victoria, she would frequently visit the homes of the poor in the land. On one occasion she was visiting a lady who lived in a very humble cottage; the lady was a Christian and had her faith firmly resting in the Lord Jesus Christ for her Salvation. Just as the Queen was leaving the home she asked if there was anything she could do for her host. The poor woman replied, "Thank you, your Majesty, but I have all that I want." The Queen insisted, "But I would like to do something for you." Again, the lady replied, "I have all that I need, thank you." Only this time she added an earnest request, "If your Majesty would promise me one thing, I will be very glad; Oh, your Majesty, if you would but promise me that you would meet me in Heaven." In a soft voice, but speaking with great sincerity and assurance, the Queen stated, "I shall do that in virtue of the blood of the Lord Jesus". Queen Victoria was trusting in the blood of Christ alone for her Salvation. The Bible teaches that without the shedding of blood there is no remission for sin, in other words, without the blood of Jesus Christ there can be no forgiveness for sin – it is only the blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, that can wash away our sin and make us ready for Heaven.

There are many who try to deal with their sin by their own efforts, by living a moral life, by good works, or by their religious ceremonies, but none of these things can find us favour before God; if a person wants to be cleansed and fitted for Heaven, then they need to be washed in the blood of Christ. A great Gospel hymn opens with these words, "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus".

As Easter once more approaches, let us remember that without the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ there would be no hope of Heaven for mankind, so come unto Him in repentance and faith and gain that same assurance and hope that both Queen Victoria and her poor host shared.

Without the shedding of blood is no remission.

(Hebrews 9:22)

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PATTERING FEET

Something's afoot; beware, beware!
Something is climbing the bedroom stair.
With here a stumble and there a slip,
Into the passage - trip, trip, trip.

Sharp little footfalls queer and quick,
Never a careful step they pick.
Quaintly marking a morning song,
Hurry-scurry they rush along.

Tripping bright on the passage floor,
Up they come to your bedroom door.
Never was music half as sweet
As the pit-a-pat patter of tiny feet.

Dear little voices, high and clear,
Ring like a bell in the sleeper's ear.
Small hands pluck at his tousled head,
"Daddy, oh daddy, get out of bed!"

Keeping the rules - it's all a game -
Out they patter as in they came,
But somehow the song moves rather slow,
As down the passage and off they go.

And it's oh for the years that have passed
away,
And the feet that pattered at break of day.
Now they are heavily booted feet,
And they tramp and stamp in the busy street.

And some of them seemed to tire of fun,
So they wandered away till they met the sun;
But he sends them sliding along his beams,
To patter again in your morning dreams.

TO MY RIVAL

How I loved her, blindly, madly!
Sighing sadly, feeling hurt
If I did not see her daily,
Oh, how gaily she would flirt!

Flirt with me, or flirt with others,
With my brothers just as well.
How I could be such a duffer
So to suffer, I can't tell.

Then you came, played tennis finely,
Danced divinely, sang as well;
Half Adonis, half Apollo,
Beat me hollow, such a swell!

How I hated you, so clever!
You were never thought a bore!
When I saw you so romantic
I was frantic; how I swore!

I've recovered.
Is she not a child that's got a toy?
From the first she thought she'd booked you;
Now she's hooked you. Wish you joy!

I'll forgive you altogether -
She'll see whether I shall care -
Shake your hand and gaily greet you,
When I meet you anywhere.



THE PARISH COUNCIL REQUIRES A VILLAGE PRESENTATION ORDERLY

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The Parish Council has just purchased a brand-new street orderly barrow and will provide all equipment required.

The Parish Council needs this work to result in a demonstrable difference to the presentation of the village for which much appreciation has been expressed in the past.

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ALL THE ANSWERS

1. Beethoven, 2. Wolverhampton, 3. English, 4. Irving Berlin, 5. George Harrison, 6. Joe Louis, 7. Pole Vault, 8. Greece, 9. Indianapolis 500, 10. 15, 11. The Lone Ranger, 12. Warmington-on-Sea, 13. Nigel Planer, 14. Portmerion, 15. The Netherlands, 16. The Sun, 17. Butterflies, 18. Linen, 19. Rust, 20. Whale shark, 21. Greenland, 22. Sahara, 23. Red, 24. Iran, 25. The Taff, 26. Oregano, 27. Retsina, 28. Almonds, 29. Stomach, 30. Rice, 31. Beatrix Potter, 32. Hamlet, 33. Arthur Miller, 34. Banksy, 35. David Copperfield, 36. The Gestapo, 37. Bloody Sunday, 38. Buffalo Bill, 39. Orville & Wilbur, 40. Battle of Agincourt, 41. Approaching death, 42. Tokyo Rose, 43. His hand, 44. The eyes.

More or Less

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Notice from Walsham le Willows Parish Council

CORONAVIRUS

Register for Vulnerable People & Volunteers

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

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

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

If you need support

If you know someone who needs support

If you are willing to volunteer to support someone

If you are already supporting someone

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

Kevin Boardley | Clerk to Parish Council | Walsham le Willows

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