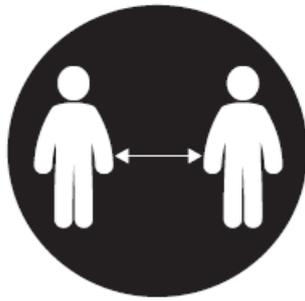


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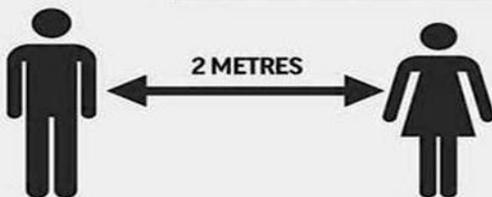
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EDITORIAL

It seems that, with a little luck, we are moving slowly back to slightly more normal times - but don't go mad too soon! The coffee shop, at the Village Hall, is now functioning again, albeit outside in the Freeborn Garden. Hopefully the doors will be open soon. Regular weekly activities (**Theatre Classes Monday 3rd May - Positive Steps Exercises Wednesday 19th May - Yoga Classes Thursday 20th May**) are, hopefully, starting as detailed; there may be others, so keep looking at the pages of the Observer.

As you may see (on page 9) the Women's Institute are getting back in to full swing, with a full programme of events, starting on **Wednesday 9th June**.

I am assured that the Horticultural Show Committee are determined to keep the show 'on the road', so hopefully growers will be able to display their produce, and others will be honing their skills to be exhibited in the Village Hall on **Saturday 14th August**.

Of course, as everywhere in the country, there have been 'hit' by the restrictions. The 40th Open Gardens Weekend has now been postponed till next year, but an event is being held by the committee on **Sunday 29th August** (see page 17).

With no Church Fete, again this year, resulting a considerable loss of income, St Mary's is holding a Mini-market event on **Saturday 4th December**, which will incorporate the Christmas Tree Lighting.

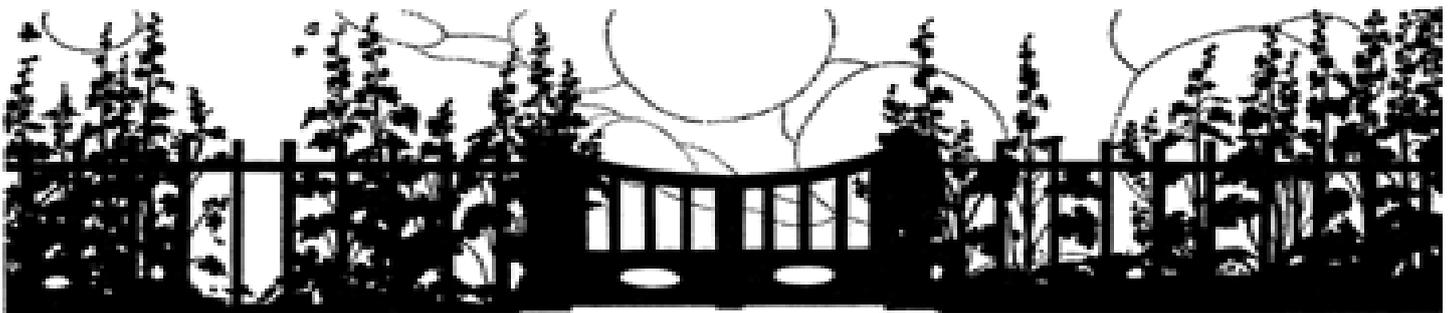
The Sports Club is creaking back into action with walking football and also cricket, as you will see from the list of home fixtures in the Sports Club report.

For those wondering about the future of **Moriarty's** you will see on page 16 that establishment is going to be re-opening on **2nd June** albeit on a somewhat reduced service, but it is another showing the tender green shoots of recovery.

The recent restrictions on our lifestyle has resulted in a number of people taking to their bikes and also going for walks. With the latter in mind, a number of 'walks' will appear in the next few editions. For your guidance, you will find a Parish Footpaths Map as a centre spread in this month's edition.

Please let me know of any events which you as an individual or as the member of group may be planning in order that I can include them in the Diary of Events (see page 19) for individual events or the Weekly Events Diary (see page 50) for regular weekly events.

You will see that there is a list of contacts for village organisations. If yours is missing or the data is out of date please let me know, but just one contact for each organisation please.





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



Neighbourhood Watch News.

Police are urging vigilance and appealing for witnesses or information after two Royal Mail post-boxes were stolen.

The first theft took place sometime between 7pm on Sunday 28 March and 7am on Monday 29 March on Kiln Lane, **Stowlangtoft**. Offender/s cut the George V Royal Mail post-box from its base and removed it.

The second theft took place sometime between 11am on Saturday 3 April and 2pm on Tuesday 6 April near to St Margaret's Church on St Olaves Road, Herringfleet.

Witnesses or anybody with information, or anyone who may have been offered such an item for sale are asked to contact police quoting reference 15925/21 (Stowlangtoft) or 17160/21 (Herringfleet)

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David Murray.

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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

As the 17th of May should see Step Three of the Government process of unlocking taking place, dependant on the conditions laid out by the Government being met, the Memorial Hall will be able to open to members of the public. Unfortunately, at the time of writing we have no information as to if Step Three will go ahead on the expected date, but all indications so far look good for a return to activities inside the hall from this date.

The coffee shop is already open for an al fresco menu, including soup now that we have a lovely kitchen to prepare food in. After the 17th of May we will be able to seat people indoors again, in accordance with the "Rule of 6", so we will not be so reliant on good weather. The garden will still be available for sitting in and enjoying during coffee shop, even when we open up inside.

Indoor sports, activities and exercise classes will be able to start up again. As well as the return of community Hath Yoga, now on a Thursday evening with Julia, there is a new day time class of Otago exercise starting on Wednesday mornings 11.30 a.m. Otago are exercises to improve strength and balance, developed in New Zealand, and has been shown to reduce falls in those that take part.

The improvements to the entrance lobby should be finished by the time the hall fully reopens. With a new double glazed door in place of the old swing doors, along with new anti slip flooring to the men's toilets and lobby area. These improvements should reduce heating costs and make the hall more comfortable in the winter. Also the entrance hall should be safer, as the old quarry tiles could be slippery.

We look forward to welcoming you back and hopefully as the country reopens, we can look forward to more events at the Memorial Village Hall.

Amanda Ellis

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The branch will call upon the Rev'd Bladen to say prayers dedicating the tree, followed by Mr S Kent Branch President who will plant the it.

All are welcome to attend ,bearing in mind the " social distancing" which may be in effect on the day.

The Branch Officers respectfully request that those that are able park their vehicles on the recreation ground car park, due to limited space around the cemetery.

Take care and stay safe

Hubby Frost (Branch vice chairman)

PLEASE DON'T PICK THE DAFFODILS!

After such a grim year the glorious sight of the daffodils planted around the village signs, shining in the spring sunshine, was a joy to behold (pictured on the cover of April's edition of the Observer). It certainly lifted my spirits and made me hope that better times may lie ahead.

The daffodil bulbs were bought and planted by the Open Gardens Trust. The reasoning behind the planting was twofold, firstly to provide beauty and enjoyment for all in the spring and secondly as a way of saying thank you to the village and all who have, over the years worked so hard to make the Open Gardens event a success.

I have always been a live and let live sort of person, but was saddened to hear from several different sources that people had been seen in various places picking the daffodils. My first thought was that it couldn't possibly be anyone from this village, but I was wrong! The daffodils were planted for everyone to enjoy. If unpicked they will provide a magnificent display and enjoyment for several weeks and for many years to come but when picked will last only two or three days in a jug on the table. So please don't pick the daffodils but leave them where they are for us all to enjoy!

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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT WI



REPORT APRIL/ MAY 2021

The Easter Bunny was, it seems, alive and at work in Walsham in the run up to the holiday weekend. Each WI member found a decorative “WI Meeting in a bag” delivered to their doorstep.

Further inspection will have revealed the contents to include a teabag or two (*something to drink*), a decorative cup- cake (*something to nibble*), chocolate egg (*something to celebrate Easter*), a Quiz (*something to think about*), and more importantly a copy of the draft programme for future meetings likely to be in face to face format.

Whilst the contents indicated a little of what might be enjoyed at a WI meeting, it could not quite deliver the essential element of fun and friendship that we have been missing. Never- the- less meetings go on in the virtual sphere. Suffolk West Federation of WIs plan to hold their Annual Meeting on Saturday 10th April which will be attended by a delegate from Walsham. Speakers at the meeting will be Dr Chris Smith, a well known expert face from T.V. bulletins about the coronavirus and tour guide and historian Simon Gregor. On the appointed day two hundred and seventeen WI members tuned in from all over parts of England and Wales by the magic of Zoom.

Jill Newell

PROGRAMME FOR 2021 - 2022

2021

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| June 9 | Garden Meeting at Maltings, Palmer Street - due to restrictions a maximum of 30 people. Will be cancelled if wet. |
| July 14 | ANNUAL MEETING + Janet Brown - Living on a Narrowboat |
| August 11 | Visit to the Wild Wood, Walsham. With picnic. |
| September 8 | Margaret Brackenbury Decorating recycled bottles and jars |
| October 13 | Sally Daniels - My Wish Charity |
| November 10 | Christmas Workshop Further information later. |
| December 8 | SPECIAL 50 th Anniversary Meeting in Walsham Church 7 p.m. |

2022

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| January 12 | Birthday Party |
| February 9 | Graham Higgins Confessions of a Factory Worker |
| March 9 | Brenda Last South American Holiday. |

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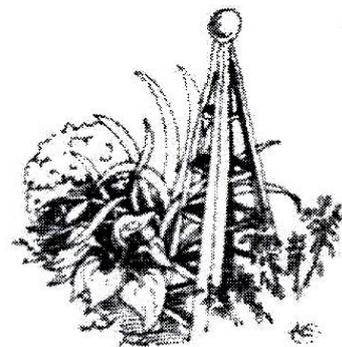
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The Parish Council has purchased a brand-new street orderly barrow and will provide all equipment required.

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.

This is a physical job and to be effective requires a methodical, thorough approach, and an ability to use your own initiative and enthusiasm for making a difference to how the village looks.

The hours include a small amount of time each week for keeping the Play Area in good order, picking litter and emptying the bins used by the public into a bin for collection by MSDC and reporting observations to the Parish Clerk.

You would be employed by the Parish Council who are funded for 5.25 hours per week to be worked to a regular schedule, weather permitting. As you will be working on your own, good timekeeping is essential and you will be required to clock in and out, for which a mobile phone would be useful. Overtime can only be worked with agreement as this has to be funded directly by the Parish Council. You will be entitled to 5.6 weeks per annum (pro rata) statutory paid leave and statutory sick pay. The current rate for the role is £8.72 per hour, reviewed annually.

Following a successful trial to show us what you can do, confirmation in the role will be subject to a two-month probation period. Following confirmation in post, you may be entitled to be enrolled into a contributory workplace pension scheme if you so choose.

Are you ready to take pride in this role?

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It is intended that this will include lighting of the Christmas Tree, Carol singing, Walsham school choir, seasonal refreshments, and Christmas themed stalls.

Hopefully by this time people will all feel comfortable and safe mixing in numbers.

More information to follow.

Philip Benefice Priest



HORTICULTURAL SHOW

14th August 2021

It is currently still hoped that this will go ahead this year, we have plans to do all we can to make it socially distanced. Nothing can be guaranteed these days with Covid, but let us hope for the best – put the date in your diaries.

I know many people have found a lot of comfort in gardening over the last twelve months so perhaps it will turn out to be a bumper show!

Details of the classes can be found on the Walsham village website, they were in the February Observer and will be repeated in the July issue.

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WALSHAM ALLOTMENTS

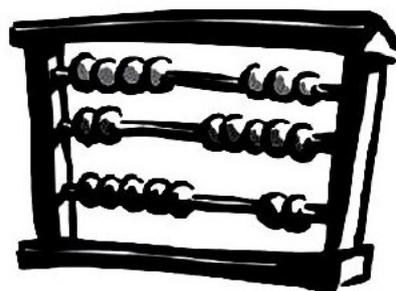
"Walsham Allotments are having a socially distanced plant sale on Saturday 5th June 10am - 12 pm

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LITTLE WILLOWS PRESCHOOL NEWS

Since our last update we have welcomed back all of our children along with some new pre-schoolers. We are enjoying having a very busy and vibrant setting with everyone involved with having lots of fun and learning.

Before the Easter Holidays we celebrated Mother's Day by decorating a flower pot and planting it with a Viola as a gift for the Mums', introduced the children to St Patricks Day by digging for gold and making rainbows! We took part in Science Week where we set up lots of experiments for the children to explore and take part in. This included making Volcano's with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, the children were excited to see them 'explode'. We explored what materials dissolved in water, and what objects were magnetic. We also dressed up in red to celebrate Red Nose Day and told jokes!

The week before Easter the children made Rocking Chick cards, Rabbit Ears and enjoyed Easter Egg Hunts. Along with this we held a sponsored bounce which the children were very excited to join in with. Each child had a minute to jump on the trampoline as many times as they could. They were very energetic and some managed to jump over one hundred times in their minute. We had fast bouncing, freestyle bouncing, high bounces and star jumps.

As a charity we need to raise extra funds to help provide the very varied activities and resources the children enjoy and we would like to thank all of our children's friends and families for their generosity in sponsoring them and the fantastic sum of £1400 that they raised. We will spend the money very soon; a Mud Kitchen is on top of the children's list!

We have now started the Summer Term which is always our busiest period, one where we will be helping our older children to prepare for their transition to 'Big' school and also settling in the younger children who have over the past year been very used to being at home a lot with their parents and family and so find separation difficult. We use our knowledge and experience to help both the children and their parents to come through these periods of change with greater confidence and resilience.

Best wishes from Staff and Children at Little Willows.



TAI CHI AT SHEPHERDS GROVE PARK

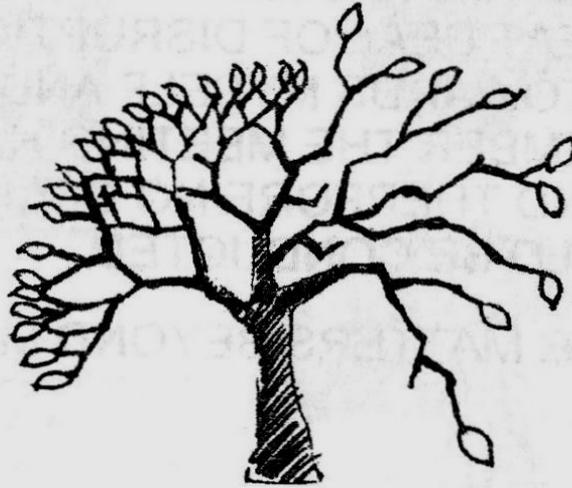
We are a small friendly Tai Chi group who meet once a week, outside on the grassy lawn, at Shepherds Grove Park, Stanton.

We have enjoyed learning the movements, guided by Martin, our excellent teacher, for about two years. The exercises are good for keeping mind and body in good shape.

If anyone, who has done Tai Chi in the past, would like to join us please contact Jude, on 07985191129, who will give you more details.

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THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GARDENS WEEKEND an update from the Committee.

As reported in the last OBSERVER we have been agonising over whether we could continue with the planning of this year's event and sadly we have concluded that once again we will have to delay our 40th anniversary celebrations and that the August Bank Holiday in 2022 will be the big one. The decision was not an easy one but the continued uncertainty and the concerns of garden owners and volunteers have resulted in this difficult decision.

But there is good news and something to look forward to so please put **Sunday 29th August 2021** in the diary for that is when we will organise and fund a **Village Celebration** in and around St Mary's Church to re-launch the **Open Gardens Weekend for 2022** and have a good time (watch the Observer for more details).

Again if anyone has anything they would like to contribute to the conversation then please feel free to email me on john@architectatwork.co.uk or ring me on 01359 259061.

*John Stebbing
Secretary to the Walsham le Willows Open Gardens Trust*

WALSHAM WILD WOOD and dog walking

It is so good to know that people are using the Wild Wood in these difficult times and currently enjoying the wonderful weather but we do have a problem. It seems that dogs are sometimes not on a lead and our near neighbour has lost chickens and a duck as a result of a dogs coming from the Wild Wood and onto her land. We have a separate concern about ground nesting birds and young hares in the area being spooked and there is always the chance that 'dog poo' is left behind. We don't want to be too prescriptive but we think it would be a good idea if dogs are kept on a lead to avoid any further problems.

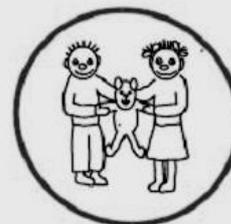
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*John Stebbing
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Village Hall 3.15pm
- Fri 7th First Sports Club Run
Sports Club 7:00pm
- Wed 19th Positive Steps start
Village Hall 11:30am
- Thu 20th Yoga classes start
Village Hall 7:15pm

JUNE

- Wed 9th WI Garden Meeting
Maltings Palmer Street

JULY

- Wed 14th WI Annual Meeting
- Sat 17th Charity Trailer Gig
Sports Club Time TBA

AUGUST

- Wed 11th WI Picnic & Visit
Walsham Wild Wood
- Sat 14th Horticultural Show
Village Hall 2.30pm
- Sun 29th Open Gardens
Village Celebration

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 8th WI Talk. Decorating
recycled bottles & jars

OCTOBER

- Wed 13th WI Talk Sally Daniels
My Wish Charity

NOVEMBER

- Wed 9th WI Christmas
Workshop

DECEMBER

- Sat 4th Mini-Market & Tree
Lighting St Mary's
- Wed 8th WI 50th Anniversary
St Mary's 7:00pm

The above are dependent upon the Covid Restrictions which may be prevailing at the time or at the time when a final decision needs to be taken as to whether they should take place. Please let me know if you would like to have an event included on this page.



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CAMPAIGN FOR RURAL ENGLAND



Government forced into u-turn on planning proposals

The government has been forced to backtrack on one of its most damaging proposals to deregulate the planning system that would have led to thousands fewer affordable homes being built in rural towns and villages across England.

The plan was to hand more power to developers, allowing them to bypass their commitments to build homes that people can genuinely afford in many rural communities, and instead just build whatever makes them the most profit.

But determined opposition has prevailed.

Thanks to the pressure the public helped build, the government quietly dropped its unpopular plans over the Easter weekend – a huge relief for the many communities who are already seeing young people and families being priced out of the places they call home.

Collective action has paid off. Share the news with friends and family interested in planning issues.

This is the second big win for the CPRE on this issue, after the government previously ditched its so-called ‘mutant algorithm’ that would have caused needless loss of our precious green spaces. These wins provide a glimmer of hope that the government is willing to make changes, and it’s clear that our voices are being heard. Thank you for being involved so far – whether you signed our petition, wrote to your MP or councillors, or kindly donated – you’ve been a part of making real change happen. Thanks to you, thousands more people could have the opportunity to access a home they can actually afford to live in. This victory is a step in the right direction, but there is still much more to be done to ensure the government puts people and nature at the heart of the planning system. Be vigilant!

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WALK YOUR WAY AROUND THE PARISH.

Lockdown has given many of us the time and inclination to get out and walk the many footpaths that criss-cross our lovely parish. It's dry now, but for 3 months lockdown 2 meant wellies and waterproofs, and lots of mud. I wonder how many of you have managed, or even thought of walking all of the footpaths. I've certainly been to places that I had never been to before. As winter rolls into spring the countryside comes alive; the colours erupt, the wildlife get busy and the views soften and become enriched. The farmers have been busy too, crops have been sown and significantly this year, many ditches have been cleared. Walking so many footpaths has brought the history and the management of the countryside into sharper focus. We have ruins and remnants of past industry, ancient tracks, green lanes and tracks that have almost succumbed to the plough. We have wide verges and narrow verges, broad field boundaries and some fields ploughed to within a few inches of the boundary. We have ponds in the corners of fields. We have hedges and thickets and woods all providing cover for wildlife. Over the next few months, I will walk the footpaths of Walsham and see what history remains, find out why the land is managed as it is, what wildlife is sustained and what we can do to protect and enhance our countryside.

The walks:

The Hundred Lane – in the nether regions

Hartshall Lane – it's not about deer

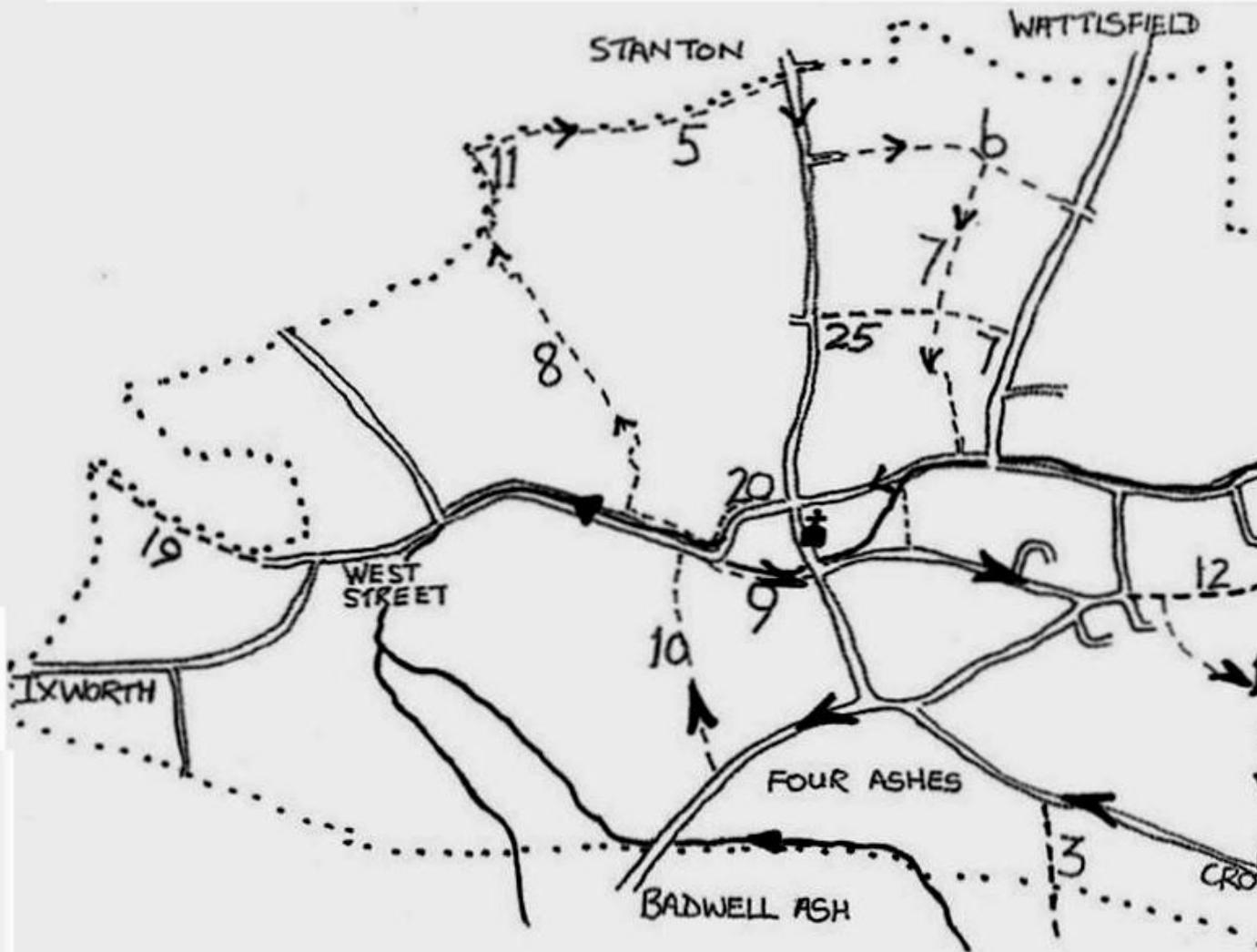
The Three Windmills – wind in the willows

Ancient Paths - boats and planes

Alison Martin



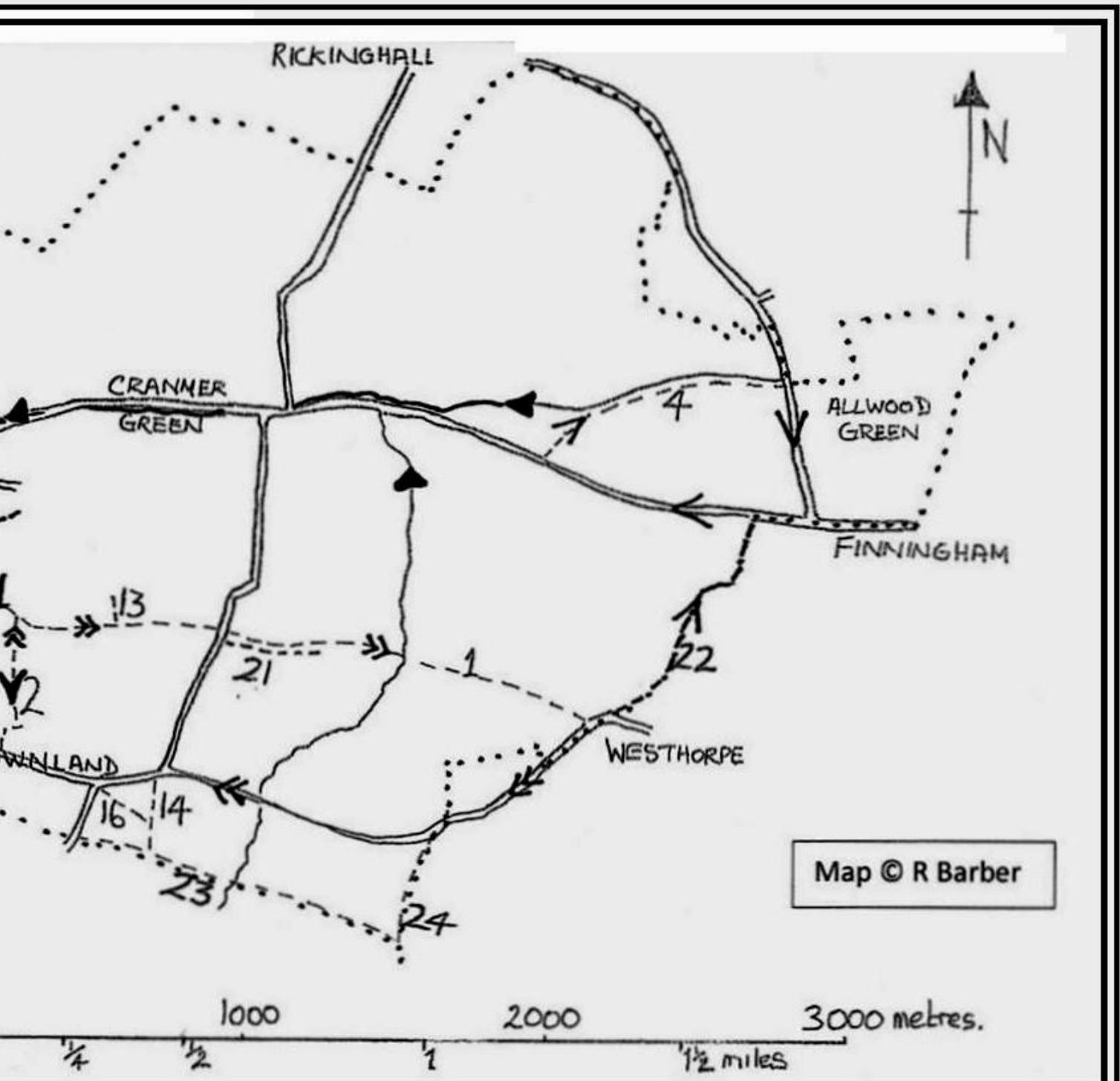
Looking at the village from Gallants Meadow



WALSHAM LE WILLOWS

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mill Lane/Hartshall Lane | 9. Gallants Meadow |
| 2. Cookes Orchard Path | 10. Rottells Lane |
| 3. Copclose Way to Badwell Green | 11. Ten Acre Wood |
| 4. Nether Way | 12. Old Clay Street |
| 5. Gipsy Lane | 13. Folly Hall Path |
| 6. Fishponds Lane | 14. Well Field Path |
| 7. Allotment Lane | 15. See 23 |
| 8. Felgate Lane | 16. Well Field Path |



- 17. See 24
- 18. See 22
- 19. Posters Lane to Wyken
- 20. The Park to Bettys Bridge
- 21. Hartshall Lane Path
- 22. Botany Lane/Hundred Lane (Byway)
- 23. Madges Lane (Byway)
- 24. Hundred Lane

- 25. Sports Club Path
- Stream
- Roads
- Paths
- Parish Boundry

The famous Spanish Steps are in which capital city?



PARISH COUNCIL OF WALSHAM LE WILLOWS MINUTES

of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th April 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 further corrections are required these will be minuted at the next meeting prior to formal approval]

MEMBERS PRESENT Cllrs Paul Arbon (PA); Ian Bartholomew (IB); Richard Belson [Vice-Chair] (RB); Amanda Ellis (AE); Brian Kinnair (BK); Nick Mecrow (NM); Trevor Roberts [Chair] (TR)

1 FIRST BUSINESS

Councillor Roberts was a few minutes late. The meeting started at 19:02, the Clerk having invited Cllr RB chair the meeting until Cllr TR joined.

- 1.1 **Apologies were accepted for** Cllr RM and Cllr JF (for reason election purdah).
- 1.2 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 9th March 2021 and previously circulated, were unanimously approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
- 1.3 **To receive pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests** Cllr AE declared non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 3, planning application DC/21/01332.
- 1.4 **To consider applications for dispensation** – none – Cllr AE did not seek dispensation to take part in the consideration of planning application DC/21/01332.
- 1.5 **Meetings after 6th June (including Annual Parish Meeting) discuss and decide on options and approach.** The details of the situation in which we find ourselves was discussed and it was resolved to hold the Annual Parish Council Meeting one week early on 4th May; to defer any decisions as to subsequent meetings until the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Regarding the Annual Parish Meeting it was thought that holding the meeting online would be a retrograde step in terms of the plans to revive the true purpose of this meeting which is to engage the wider community rather than hold another event, particularly online, at which people already active in the community are all talking to each other. The Clerk reported very positive responses for the proposed changes to the format which hopefully indicates these are on the right track. it was proposed by Cllr IB that in the circumstances the Annual Parish Meeting should not be held, seconded by Cllr PA. Cllr NM proposed an amendment that it should be deferred until September when Parish Councillors hoped to be more comfortable with inviting large numbers of people to come together and many more will have received their vaccinations. This was unanimously agreed.
- 1.6 **Public Open Forum (including County and District Reports and Questions)**
James Bailey had been invited to speak and take questions about the status of the



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Neighbourhood Plan and about the meeting that was held with ICENI (the development company engaged by MSDC, now the owner of the Broad Meadow site. All felt this to be an extremely useful conversation. Action Cllr RB to report back to the next Neighbourhood Plan group for their views on issues discussed. Action Clerk to make some enquiries as to costs of hiring an external consultant to assist NP group and Parish Council so that we are ready should it be decided that this is the route to be followed.

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

[As a measure to reduce the length of meetings, the Clerk proposed that Cllrs put their view on appropriate comment forward in the first instance and that discussion only needed if there was any dissent. This was agreed.]

APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OR DISCHARGE S106 - DC/21/01351 Proposal: Application for the Modification of a Section 106 Planning Obligation - Variation of S106 Legal Agreement dated 5th July 2018 under 1352/17 **Location:** Land West Of, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk **The Parish Council resolved to make no comment.**

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/01310

Proposal: Planning Application - Erection of Infill building to provide a covered link between the existing retail building/store and the carpenters building/machine shop. **Location:** Clarkes Of Walsham Ltd, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BA **The Parish Council Resolved to support this application.**

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) -

DC/21/01364 Proposal: Application under Section 73 of Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) of approval DC/18/04417 Dated: 28/11/2018 - Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q (a) and (b) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended). To allow amended design and revised fenestration. **Location:** West Street Farm, Ixworth Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3AP **The Parish Council resolved to make no comment.** [Cllr AE did not take part in the discussion or decision for application DC/21/01322]

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/01332 Proposal: Householder Planning Application - Creation of new vehicular access. **Location:** Greenside, Finningham Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BQ **The Parish Council resolved to object to this application** based on the already identified issues with traffic speed at precisely this location which is just outside the 30mph limit and for which the Parish Council are waiting for a site meeting with SCC Highways and Cllr Jessica Fleming.

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APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/01965 Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of two storey side extension; Re-roof existing single storey rear extension and insertion of rooflights. **Location:** 9 Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk, IP31 3BD **The Parish Council resolved to make no comment.**

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

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 **MSDC granted permission.**

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/00899 Proposal:

Planning Application - Change of use of existing farmyard area to the east to residential curtilage. Construction of 3no outbuildings for the storage of vehicles and domestic and sundry items associated with maintaining the property and grounds. **Location:** Sunnyside House, Finningham Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BJ **MSDC granted permission.**

APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/21/00842

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Damp prevention measures as per Schedule of Works. The north external wall of Clive Cottage forms the boundary with Clive House and has had significant issues with damp. The proposed looks to implement a new surface water drainage system to eliminate the damp issues. **Location:** Clive Cottage, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ **MSDC granted permission.**

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/00878 Proposal:

Planning Application - Erection of 1No dwelling and vehicular access. **Location:** Land Rear Of Avenue House, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ **Application withdrawn.**

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Development & Neighbourhood Plan

I. Dealt with under 1.6 above.

II. 1352/17 Wattisfield Road. Clerk had not been able to draft a text for the meeting in support of a parishioner's representation to Jo Churchill on transparency of the planning process. Action Agreed that Clerk should draft and circulate for agreement after the meeting and submit to Jo Churchill when agreed.

4.2 Community Council & Foodbank- Cllrs. Ellis updated on progress towards moving out of lockdown regarding activities at the Hall. Clerk proposed that this item is now removed from matters arising. Cllr Ellis seconded, unanimously agreed.

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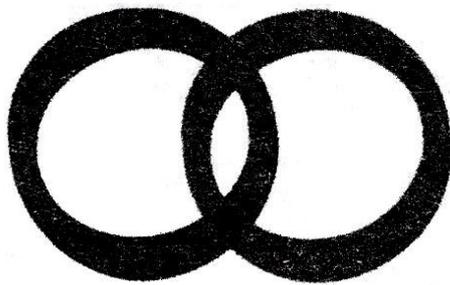
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4.3 **Village Presentation Orderly** Update Clerk – Clerk advised that applicant did not respond to invitation for trial day and that ad will be placed again. Clerk proposed removal of this item to action log which was agreed. Also, that Cllr PA would contact the applicant to ask if there was any reason that the invitation to ‘interview’ was not followed through.

4.4 **Play & Recreation Area**

I. **Lease** – update Clerk advised lease almost ready for signing. With Ben Keane (for Parish Council) at Spires. Also, that it had been advised that the signing of the lease presents the OTT with an issue concerning the ‘disposal of charitable assets’ which the Clerk understand is being dealt with in the way that it was for the granting of the previous lease. It was agreed that this agenda item be moved to the action log from where it can be monitored.

II. **Preparations for implementation of development plan** – It was proposed that a sub-committee should be set up to continue work on updated costing and quotes to finalise the development plan and cost for presentation in full Council for approval. All spending decisions will be authorised in full Council. Cllr Kinnair reported that much of this information is in and one costing yet to be received. Action Clerk to pass on links re CIL application process to the Play & recreation Area sub-committee. Councillors PA, RB and BK were appointed to the sub-committee.

III. **Representation re skate ramp replacement.** The Parish Council noted this correspondence.

4.5 **Stream maintenance** – The Clerk referred to previously circulated emails and is still pursuing the Environment Agency and Suffolk Police to try to gain some clarity. A response is due from the EA by 27th April. It was agreed that this item should be removed from the agenda to the action log for follow up by the Clerk.

4.6 **Closed Churchyard** – Cllr IB, referring to advice from the Clerk on the liability for this sitting with the Parish Council (due to past decisions made by the Parish Council), proposed that the project should be funded as follows: 50% Public Works Loan Board (to be repaid over 10 years), 25% reserves, 25% CIL funding (otherwise reserves). This was unanimously agreed. Action - Clerk to make some enquiries on materials that can be used to see if costs can be reduced, before seeking three quotes based on the specification set out by Whitworths. Consider survey and projected costs; decide how this will be funded and tendered. To be removed from agenda to action log for follow up by Clerk.

4.7 **Spring Litter Pick** – Cllrs Mecrow/Roberts reported that the pick went as planned. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who helped with this. To be removed from agenda. Action Cllr TR to procure signage for the next pick.

5 **OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

6 **CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 **Organisations borrowing Parish Council marquees require Public Liability**

Insurance Comment from parishioner was noted.

- 6.2 **Parishioner offering to temporarily patch churchyard wall** - The general view was that this would not be permitted given the need to obtain prior consent from the Diocese for any remedial work and our choice of contractor.
- 6.3 **Buses for every rural community?** A discussion on this was deferred until Cllr Meyer is in attendance.
- 6.4 **Dog fouling in Wildwood reported** – It was decided that this it not really the responsibility of the Parish Council as the Wild Wood is on land owned by a charity and is maintained by a volunteer group.

7 REPORTS

- 7.1 **Clerk's report & financial report to 31st March 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.

#	Payee	Amount	Description
1	Whitworth	£496.80	Churchyard Wall survey
2	SALC	£457.82	Membership Subs
3	SCC HO Collection Account	£1927.82	Streetlighting repairs and maintenance
4	Parish Council Employee	£691.01	Wages
#	Payments In	Amount	Description
1	Precept due	£10,950.00	1 st Payment
2	Community Infrastructure Levy due	£40,777.00	First instalment
3	Covid payment due	£402.00	Extra Covid grant allocation

- 7.2 **Payment not properly minuted** – The Clerk noted the payment of £738.77 (in euro equivalent) for the purchase of a solar panel for one of the speed indicator devices and two extra batteries was authorised outside the meeting by email but was not minuted at the next meeting. The amount was debited from account on 20th January 2021 following signatures to the 'Transfer of Funds Overseas' form by Cllrs Kinnair and Bartholomew. The Clerk asked that this be noted and respectively minuted.
- 7.3 **Year-end financial statement** – This was previously circulated, and the Clerk proposed that this be approved for wet signature by Cllr TR outside meeting.
- 7.4 **Review and sign AGAR Section 1** - This was previously circulated. Councillors

reviewed the statements and the Clerk proposed that this be approved for wet signature by Cllr TR outside meeting.

- 7.5 **Review and sign AGAR Section 2** This was previously circulated, and the Clerk proposed that this be approved for wet signature by Cllr TR outside meeting.
- 7.6 **VAT rebate claim** – The Clerk advised that this was submitted for year to 31st March in amount £4728.64 – Noted.
- 7.7 **Review of earmarked/ringfenced funds** - Parish Clerk proposed that these are reviewed and updated in the light of known upcoming income and expenditure. Decision was deferred until the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.
- 7.8 **Payroll successfully switched to SALC from 1st April** – noted
- Problem Reports SCC** – deferred until next meeting. Clerk advised nothing of note.
- 7.9 **Action Log**
- I. Cllr Arbon proposed that the Parish Council shed be replaced with a larger one if this is acceptable to the PCC. Action Clerk to seek permission from PCC.
 - II. Cllr NM noted that he did not want the progress on barrier gates to Fishponds Lane to be forgotten. Clerk reminded that we are waiting for the Area Rights of Way Team to have the capacity, following lockdown easing, to respond.

8 FOOTPATHS & TREES

- 8.1 **Footpath Warden** – Nothing to report.
- 8.2 **Tree Warden** – Nothing to report other than Clerk noted that the Tree Officer at MSDC had advised that a letter had been written about the felling of trees on the hedgerow bounding Cayzer's Meadow. It is understood that this will advise that for such works in a conservation area it is required to seek permission before going ahead. It is likely that permission would have been granted given the types of trees that were felled.

Cllr RB raised question as to whether Footpaths and Trees needed to be a standing report on the agenda. It was agreed that this could be raised for the agenda as and when required.

The Clerk reported on the difficulties about completing online forms for the funding for tree and hedge planting from BMSDC. The Clerk had been advised that the online form was to be revised. However, Cllr RB felt that it would be much easier and less hassle to purchase whips for the Play Area independently when required.

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

Cllr AE raised again the issue of the length of meetings and the way in which this may be controlled. Action Clerk to circulate a report on proposed revisions to the agenda before the next meeting.

Meeting Closed 21:42 *Kevin Boardley, Clerk to Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council*

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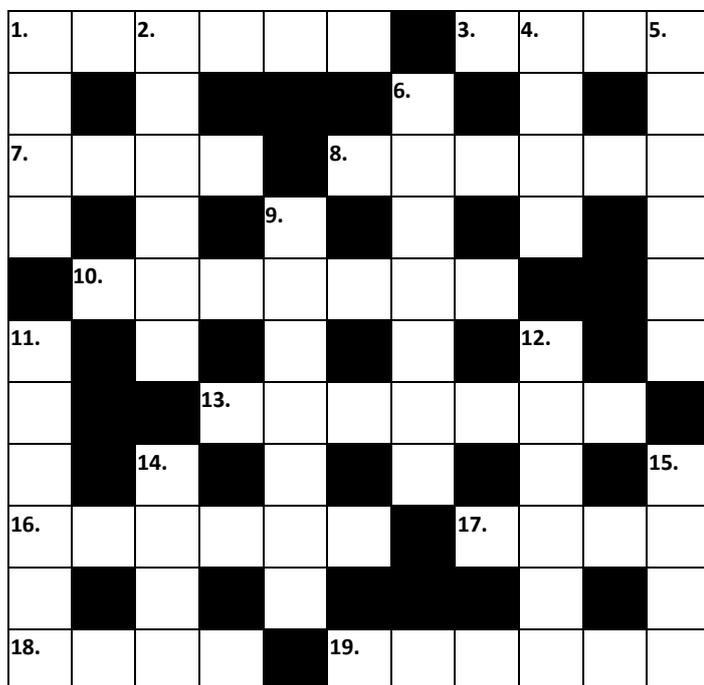
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1. Maybe one looks at the way up. (6)
3. God is confirmed repeatedly. (4)
7. The partner troubled the team. (4)
8. Maps out in such art studios. (6)
10. The senator organised an act against the

state. (7)

13. Qualities of love on show. (7)
16. Bath item makes a smell in the Home Counties. (6)
17. I'm returning to the Northumberland pit. (4)
18. Pace around the headland. (4)
19. Guides the bullocks. (6)

DOWN

1. Sounds like the total is less than that. (4)
2. Maybe puddings are just like tea. (6)
4. Certain that the employer is disturbed. (4)
5. There's none like her maybe. (6)
6. A small conk for the sniper. (7)
9. Some writing found in the alley. (7)
11. Singular science is a panacea.
12. All ten at the alley. (6)
14. Doggie dos on the deck! (4)
15. A headland of the large loch. (4)



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FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH WALSHAM LE WILLOWS

It has now been well over a year since congregations have been permitted to sing inside our churches and Cathedrals. Hopefully, when we approach the end of June, such a rule will be able to be relaxed, and we can once again open our hymn books in joyful hymnal praise.

Most days throughout the year within the Churches calendar are occasions celebrated as Feast Days, Lesser Feast Days or Festivals. On the 24th May we remember the most famous hymn writer of all, Charles Wesley, along with his brother John, more famously known for his preaching.

Often it feels as if history is the monopoly of monarchs, politicians and military men. Understandably enough, they do seem to get the headlines. In truth, we know that the larger tides that change social and intellectual history often come from the quieter waters. One of those tides swept through 18th century England, and indeed the world, beginning in the small Lincolnshire market town of Epworth, with the two Wesley brothers, John and Charles.

Sons of a Priest and educated at London and Oxford, they gathered around themselves a group of friends to seriously study the spiritual disciplines of Christianity. So regular and devoted were they in their devotion that they were mockingly nicknamed 'Methodists.' The rest is as they say 'History,' and the Methodist denomination is still very much active to this day.

Both brothers took Holy Orders in the Church of England, but never took up posts as 'Vicars,' John famously declaring that 'The World is my Parish.' He may not have covered the world, but he is said to have ridden some 250,000 miles on horseback and to have preached more than 40,000 sermons.

Pulpits of the Anglican churches were often closed to the Wesley brothers due to their radical ideas, which were to cause controversy within the established Church. On one famous occasion John was to stand in Epworth churchyard, upon the tomb of his father, preaching to the vast crowds.

Whilst himself a fine preacher, Charles turned his passion to writing more than 3,000 hymns, which to this day are part of every hymnal the world over. 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing,' 'O For a Thousand Tongues,' and the ever popular Wedding hymn; 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,' being just an example.

Both brothers have a memorial in Westminster Abbey, and above their stained-glass portraits in Epworth Church are John's last words; 'The best of all is, God is with us.'

I sincerely hope that we will very shortly be able to open our hymn books and join in singing so many more of those Wesleyan hymns.

Philip Benefice Priest





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SPORTS CLUB NEWS

Submitting information in time for publication presents particular difficulty during this period as we ease out of the pandemic restrictions on 'normal' life so some of this may be speculation.

What can be safely reported was the sight of the Club's playing fields again being occupied by youth football teams this Easter along with plenty of joyful parents and grandparents happy to watch youth exuberance being spent on activities other than winding them up. I don't suppose the grandchildren would have got the same pleasure watching some twenty creaking 'oldies' back in action in the previous week as walking football started again; I can tell you we had considerable relief in that we were still alive and mostly vaccinated. The tennis court has also been in use again and once we get the new Club website up and running, booking the court should be much easier.

For those in the Club who have put long hours into structure renovation/ground maintenance this past year, there is a significant reward in watching the Club come back to life and although senior football failed to make it back in time, cricket will be underway before you get to read this but only with away games. The home fixtures for both senior and junior that commence in May are as follows:-

Sunday 9 th	Copdock & OI's II	Home	HCB5	1:30pm
Saturday 15 th	Stowmarket	Home	2C3	1:00pm
Monday 17 th	Woolpit	Home	U15	6:00pm
Thursday 20 th	Chippenham	Home	U15	6:00pm
Saturday 22 nd	Tuddenham	Home	2C3	1:00pm
Sunday 23 rd	Walsham Festival	Home	U9	10:00am
Sunday 23 rd	Mildenhall	Home	HCB5	1:30pm
Saturday 29 th	Mistley II	Home	2C3	1:00pm

Much debate has taken place as to when the bar should open so by now you may have sipped your first ale if we did open. It seemed clear that only outdoor drinks could be served before the May date and weather was going to dictate how much appetite there might be for that. The problem we had is what stock to get in so that everything is fresh and it may be that only bottled drinks were served if you found the bar has been opened; the other issue was starting to incur staffing costs without customers. Our normal clientele are players and spectators but with no games it would only be the pent up desire of Walsham residents for company that might see some footfall at the Club.

At time of writing, I am still awaiting our first year's financial results for CIO and WLWSC Ltd back from the accountants at which point consideration can be given as to when we hold AGMs for both entities to report back to members and the community. We recently held a meeting with Mid Suffolk/Babergh DC consultants seeking views on what steps we might take in the future to widen the recreational activities on offer in this part of the county and it was encouraging to find an awareness of the need to provide greater support to the rural community than has been given in the past. These initiatives too often peter out before action happens but there is a lot of pressure back down from the top to improve the nation's health and there is no better way than sport

Ian Campbell



Walsham Congregational Church

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Services for May

God willing, we will continue to be open for worship each Sunday at 11.00 & 6.30. Please be assured of a warm welcome; we would be pleased to see you.

Having Two Birthdays

At the time of writing this article, it is April 21st, and it is the Queen's birthday; Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is 95 today. Our Monarch is unusual, however, in that she has two birthdays; today is her actual birthday and, in non-Covid times this would be a day for private, family celebrations with an official, ceremonial, and public birthday in June.

The Queen has two birthdays but so too had a certain Pharisee called Nicodemus and the account of Nicodemus is recorded for us in the Bible, in John chapter three. Nicodemus had been born physically many years before but through a meeting with the Lord Jesus Christ and the message that he heard, he was also born spiritually - he had a second birth. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God gave Nicodemus new life which was both spiritual and eternal. It is vital that you also have two birthdays, because if you don't you will never be able to enter into Heaven. The Lord Jesus clearly told Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3) so this experience is a must: the new birth is not something that is optional; it is not something you can take or leave as you wish - there is nothing else that can take its place. It is important to notice that Jesus first delivered this message to a Pharisee, one of the most religious of people, teaching us that everyone, even the most upright and religious people need to be born again.

The Bible not only speaks of a second birth but also warns of a second death - eternally enduring the righteous penalty and punishment for our sin (Revelation 20:14-15). The only way to escape is the second birth - if you are born once you will die twice, but if you are born twice, you will only die once. JC Ryle, the famous Bishop of Liverpool put it like this: "If you've never been born again, the time will come when you will wish you had never been born at all". There is a second verse to the song Happy Birthday that is sometimes sung in Sunday School and it says: "Happy Birthday to you, but one will not do. Take Christ as your Saviour, and you will have two".

Do you have two birthdays? If not, let us encourage you to trust the Lord Jesus Christ right now as your Saviour and today will be your second birthday.

Ye must be born again. (John 3:7)

WILDLIFE IN MAY

Hopefully by now we will be having warmer weather so we can sit and enjoy our gardens. Some of us may enjoy sitting well into the evenings and as by now the insect population has increased you may hear the bats out at night. We have 18 different species of bat in Britain, with the Noctule being the largest and the Pipistrelle being the smallest. You may particularly see them over ponds, streams, rivers and even hedgerows catching insects. They will hunt their prey by using sonic echo location and can catch and eat their prey on the wing. Bats like to roost in hollow trees, buildings, behind hanging tiles and you can even buy bat boxes! In our rivers and ponds in May our adult Mayfly emerges only to mate and then die after 24 hours. Mayflies are an important food source for many of our fish. By the middle of May Dragonflies and Damselflies have also started to emerge and start breeding straight away. The adult Damselflies bind themselves together while the eggs are being laid on submerged plant leaves. Did you know Dragonflies are fiercely territorial and sometimes you can witness clashes between one male and another! In our gardens we will start to see young fledgling birds coming in search of food, safety and to practise their flying skills. If you watch for long enough you will see the parent birds come down to feed the youngster until they can properly fend for themselves before having another brood. Look out and listen for Woodpeckers drumming on the trees, the most common species is the Great Spotted Woodpecker. Many trees and shrubs are now braking into flower and leaf. Hawthorn flowers are a pretty sight while walking or driving along. Some of us will also be keeping in mind where Blackthorn plants are for later on in the year when we can harvest Sloe's, maybe for a pie or as I prefer Sloe Gin!

Angie Nice



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CALL ALL HANDS

“Call the Hands, Call the Hands! Heave Ho, Heave Ho! Lash up and Stow! You’ve had your time, and I’ve had mine, Heave Ho, Heave Ho, Heave Ho!”

Such was the traditional rhyme voiced by an 18-year-old Quartermaster’s Mate, a two-year conscripted National Serviceman. He used a penetrating Bosun’s call, (a landsman would call it a whistle) rousing the ship’s company at 0530.

“Put a sock in it, lad, not so loud, not so loud!” voices grumbled from the hammocks. A day’s sea routine had begun aboard Her Majesty’s Ship Coquette, a fleet minesweeper up in the Arctic, in January 1953. The Arctic winter sky is black for most of the day. Earlier, Coquette had passed a huge Russian factory ship at anchor, lights glowing in the dark silence. Men and women worked on deck, ignoring the little minesweeper.

Hands were called during the Morning Watch, 0400 till 0800, a fatiguing and unpopular time. The teen-aged Serviceman preferred the Middle Watch, midnight till 0400, when Coquette was largely asleep. Hopefully not much would happen as the vessel ploughed through the cold dark sea. In the wheelhouse was the experienced quartermaster, and the National Serviceman waited his turn. “Wheel’s a’midships, Sir”. On the bridge was the Duty Officer, usually, in the Middle Watch, a young ‘subby’ or sub-lieutenant. Senior officers avoided this watch and slept in their cabins. In the ‘silent hours’ a duty officer seemed more affable, bridging that indefinable gap between commissioned and non-commissioned ranks. With the aroma of hot cocoa drifting up the voice-pipe, the officer and the two lookouts were all offered a mug, cheerfully taken up to the icy open bridge. It was not on Queen’s regulations, but welcome at 0300. This was 1953, thankfully.

Eight years earlier, even though World War 2 was nearing its close, HMS Coquette, newly built in Canada, would still have been a target for U-boats. By 1953 this minesweeper had five more years of dangerous service, clearing up unrecorded mines, German and British, before going to the breakers’ yard. Most of the ship’s company had more time than that.

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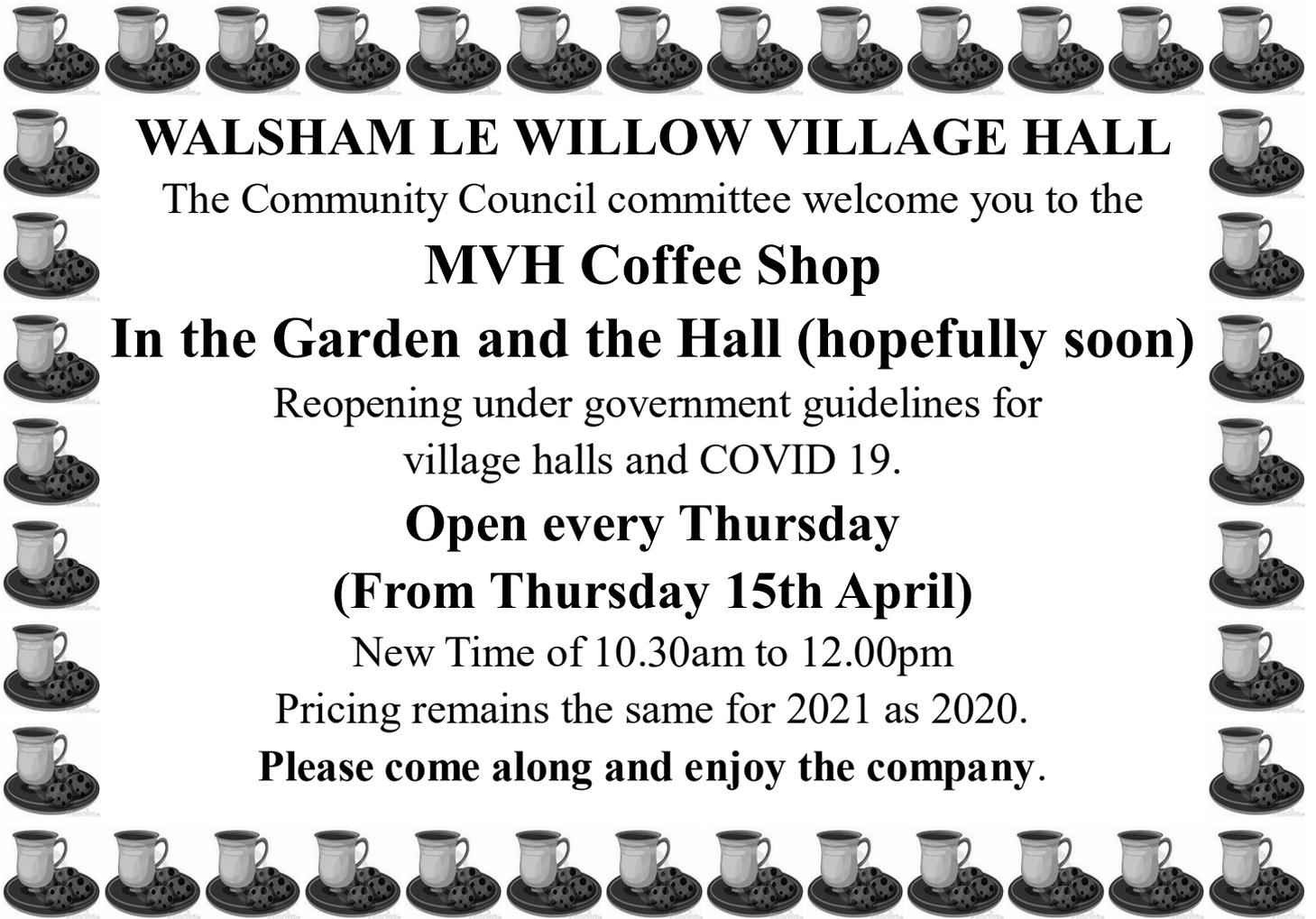
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THE ROAD FROM STANTON

I am on my way back from Stanton Bakery and the purchase of a loaf of bread and two iced ring doughnuts baked in the old fashioned brick oven of Palmers of Haughley. So good. So worth the effort of an early visit, and so interesting a journey home. Near Wrenshall Farm and Wrenshall Cottages, a high point in the landscape of 65 metres above sea level, with wide, sweeping, overarching skies, there are wonderful panoramic views in all directions, especially south across the valley of the Walsham stream down below at 40 metres above sea level.

This elevated area with its fine visibility made an ideal airfield for the Sterling Bombers which operated here from 1944, and later, the Sabre Jets of the United States Air Force operating here during the Cold War with the Soviet Union, and even later as a Thor Missile Base.

These were busy and exciting times for our village. Terry Linton Clowes operated a cinema from an airfield constructed building which is now Peter Rudderham's workshop just beyond the Sports Club in Summer Road, and airfield personnel frequented our village pubs, making music for enthusiastic listeners, some of them under age and hiding in 'The Snug' of The Six Bells: it had a huge impact on villagers, ask John Hubbard or Neville Ellis.

All that mid 20th century activity around the airfield has gone and while some of the buildings now accommodate 21st century industrial units, rooks, pigeons, skylarks and birds of prey have taken back command of the skies and you would be hard put to envisage a military facility here now.

New hedges and areas of woodland have been planted, other land has been returned to arable cropping but observant walkers will notice the frequent lumps of concrete in the cultivated soil and find themselves following sections of degraded concrete roads. Drivers from Stanton will be aware of the sudden widening of a narrow country lane to become a broad sweep of a road which creates a regular thumping rhythm as your car passes over the sectional breaks in the concrete road. The generous layby is part of the old airfield's perimeter track, the huge grassy mounds backing on to Kings Lane footpath were gun butts to test aircraft gun alignments and patches of wild flower rich roadside verges beside a wartime fence of wooden posts and strands of wire remind us of nature's glory in the undisturbed land from another age.

As you approach the top of Readings Lane, try to imagine the sight of a pair of Jacobean style cottages on your left, just like others in Summer Road and The Causeway but demolished because they stood in the flightpath of aircraft using the new runway. The lane itself is a delight with mature trees and an exuberant hedge on the left. On the more open right hand back stands a glorious oak tree which leans slightly into the road to emphasise the need for careful navigation as you hurtle down this winding lane to meet the Ixworth Road, rather like travelling on a helter skelter at an Easter fair. Here the views are limited, enclosed by hedges and shelter belts along the line of the stream where, 200 yards or so from the junction, Felgate Lane, a path from the airfield and Ten Acre Wood, crosses the stream by a footbridge, affording sight of a kingfisher if you are lucky!

Rob Barber

Check out with History Group for a copy of Walks to Remember.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



*There are ten differences between these two pictures.
See if you can find them all before the place is totally wrecked!*

What is the subtitle for the G&S opera *The Slave of Duty*?

WALSHAM STREET

But I will describe the village street as I remember it in 1910. Starting at the bottom end was butcher's shop run by David Rolfe's grandfather, almost opposite the bridge was a blacksmith's forge, which did a roaring trade - next to that was two schools, one in front and one over a little bridge at the back. Back over the road again was the Congregational Chapel and a little further up the road was a very enterprising man whose name was name was Arthur Holden. He had bought a ramshackle old lorry - he covered it in, put boards round the side for seats and charged one shilling (5p) for adults and sixpence (2½p) for children to take them to Bury and return. He made a fortune in a very quick time. Opposite was Harry Flatman who sold maize and bran to people who kept chickens. He never sold more than four or six pennyworth, but when he died he left sufficient money for his son to buy the Mill up the Wattisfield Road and that son was able to pass on a very flourishing business to his son.

In the corner of The Avenue was a sweet and fancy goods shop, run by Mr Joe Granger. A little further on, on the right-hand side, was the Infants School - I could write a book about that school. Everyone taught at that school had a wonderful start in life. There was the head teacher and a pupil teacher. The headmistress loved the children and they loved her, and those who went on to the larger schools could all read and write.

Next door to the schools was Harry Nunn's ironmonger's shop which sold everything from screws and nails to brushes, dustpans, etc., etc., Further up their yard we used to watch the iron rims being put round the tumbrel wheels and further up still we could watch Mr Oxborrow chipping out the names on gravestones with a wooden mallet and chisel. I thought that it was an exceedingly clever thing to do, as one false tap and the whole stone would have been spoilt. I have seen many clever crafts in my time, but I always rate that as the cleverest of all.

John Death (believe it or not) and Joe Granger used to make the coffins.

Some way from Harry Nunn's was a small branch of Lloyds Bank, and next to that was the chemist an Post Office. At this shop you could buy anything you wanted in the way of stationary, hair nets, shampoos and post cards of the village.

Almost opposite was Mr Kenny's bakery - run by Jimmy Kenny's grandparents. Now that really was something! The glorious smell of newly baked bread would greet you as you walked in the door. They made the most wonderful cakes and hot cross buns were 'out of this world' - I have never tasted anything like them - they were spicy and delicious. Queues would form outside the bakery on Good Friday to buy them - they sold at seven for sixpence! I'm afraid as children, the buns meant more to us than poor Jesus dying on the Cross. After Mr Kenny had baked his batches of bread and cakes he would let people, who made their own bread, take it along and have it baked in his oven, for a small sum of money. It was my brother's task, when he came out of school - to take our tins of bread round every Tuesday and Friday. One day he thought he would do a bit of showing off and he put the tray on his head - it was balanced nicely and I think he would have got away with it, but he made the mistake of turning his head to see if

someone was watching him. The tray slipped - he was near to the railings of the river!! My mother made him take most of his clothes off and go into the river to try and find the tins - as they were more important than the bread - and he got a first-class, good hiding as well! He never did that again, but many years later he laughed a lot about it.

Well, to get back to the street again - next door to the bakery there lived a tailor by the name of Mr Aldridge, and just past his shop was an alley and at the end lived Mr Sturgeon - he only had one leg - he mended boots and shoes and also cut men's and boys' hair.

Just across the street was Mr Savage's grocery and drapers shop - he also sold shoes. A little further on was a harness maker - he made everything needed to harness a horse - and made it all by hand too. A little further up was another grocers and drapers, owned by Mr George Clamp. Next door to him was another tailor, by the name of Mr Landymore and further on was Bertie Death's bicycle shop. Opposite was another butcher's shop - Mr Blizzard made the most delicious sausages - and then came The Blue Boar pub. On the other side was Mr Mapleton's sweet shop - from here you could get three suckers for a penny, but at Mr Granger's only two for a penny were offered - so we used to trudge all the way up the street for the extra one!

At the top of the street was The Six Bells and the end of The Street.

Can anyone think of anything we lacked? The fish-man came round once a week from Bury.

After my parents died I did not come back to Walsham for many years and when I did I got the shock of my life. The street was 'dead' - no bakery - no Harry Nunn - no tailors - no Mapleton sweet shop or Granger's. The church that used to be full is now almost empty and is being kept alive by a small band of stalwart helpers. There must still be something nice about it as the 'foreigners' have descended upon it in great numbers - our 'get-togethers' have been replaced by small cocktail parties BUT that is called progress.

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TWO POEMS

MAPS

My husband is the gentle type,
Except when in a car -
He thinks we women never know
Exactly where we are.

He thinks we choose a tree or pub
To plot the road ahead,
And never knowing north from south,
Go east or west instead.

In fact, he thinks we're spatial fools
Who cannot read a map -
Tough even when I know my way
He slaps one on my lap.

'Now keep it there' he barks at me,
'Don't hide the things away!'
'But darling heart, I worked right here,
And drove past every day!'

He thinks we can not read a map
(Or read it upside down)
And every time I say 'Next right',
He speeds on with a frown.

And when I say, 'But darling heart,
You've gone one turn too far,'
He says that he will read the map,
And I must drive the car.

My husband's like a lot of chaps
Whenever in a car -
He thinks that women never know
Exactly where we are.

I WISH I HAD A SATNAV

I wish I had a Satnav,
A satellite above,
To navigate my journey
Upon the path of love

'Turn round,' her voice would tell me,
'You're in a cul-de-sac.'
Or straight on till I warn you,
There is no turning back.'

'Beware!' she would advise me,
'The route is blocked ahead.
And slow down, while you're at it,
The lights are turning red.'

'Slow down!' she would remind me,
'It's time to use the brake!'
'Too far, too fast,' she'd tell me,
'The commonest mistake.'

'And watch out at the crossroads,
And read the signs with care,
Or else it's twice the effort -
You need to pause right there.'

I've found a lovely fellow
And long to share his life,
But, God, I need a Satnav
If I'm to be his wife.

I'll never make the journey,
I'm sure I'll do things wrong.
I long to have a Satnav -
I've been alone too long.

'You've reached your destination,'
I long to hear her say.
I wish I had a Satnav
To guide me on my way.

These two poems are taken from *A Red Dress and other poems*
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WEEKLY

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TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

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11:00 till Noon

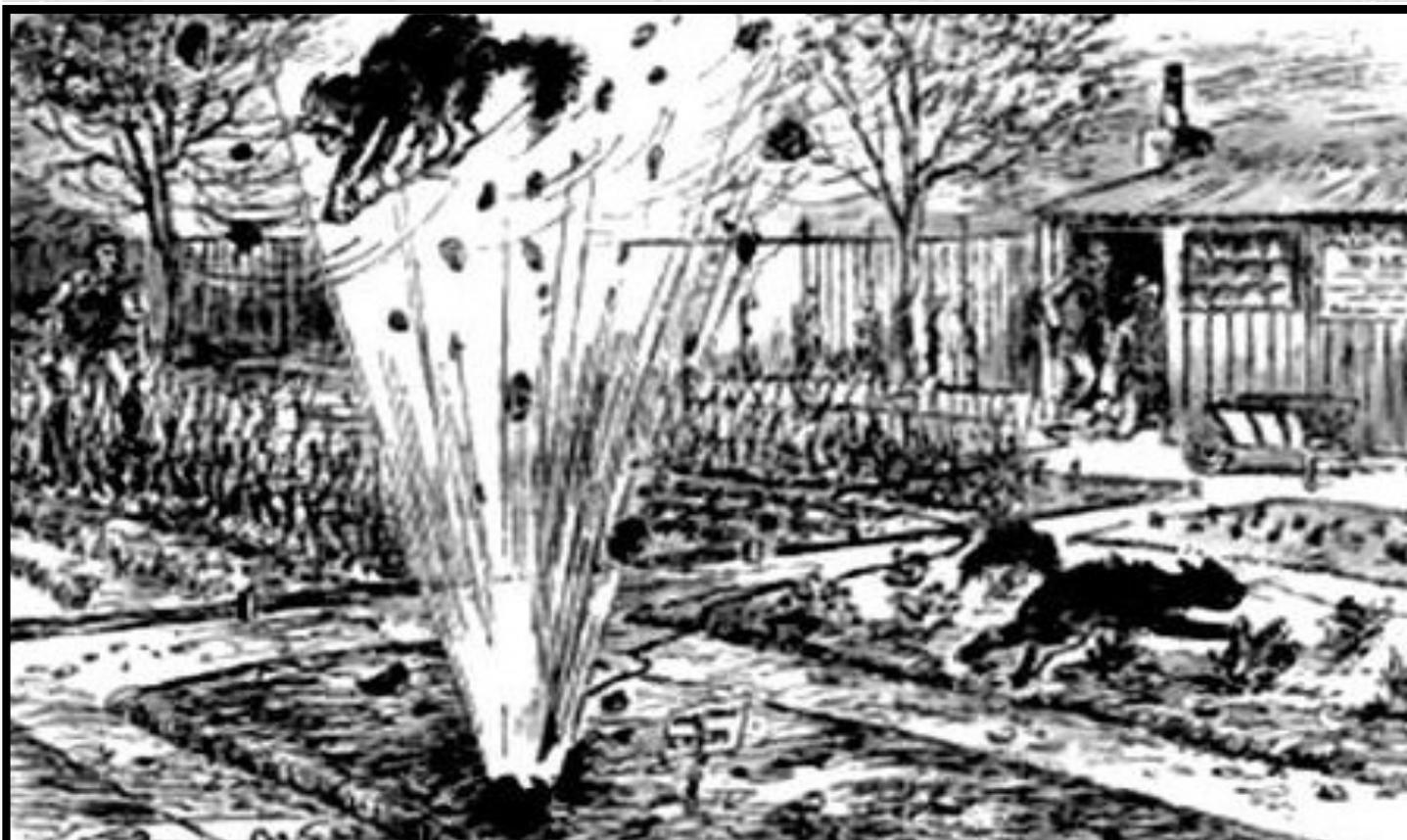
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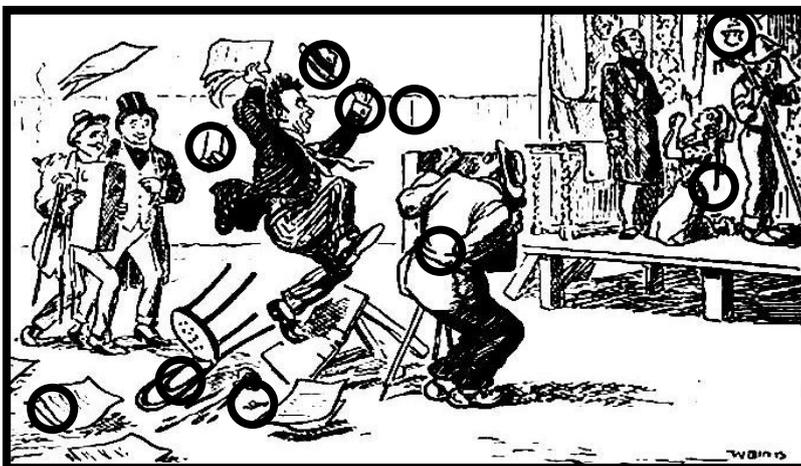
*Sometimes life's full of nasty surprises!
But please don't try this one to protect your Horticultural Show entries!*

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. John Lennon, 2. Bizet, 3. Suggs, 4. Dido, 5. Venus, 6. Cricket, 7. Poker, 8. Big Daddy,
9. Montreal, 10. 7, 11. Roger Moore, 12. BBC 2, 13. The Birds,
14. Not the Nine O'clock News, 15. Buster Keaton, 16. Pumice stone, 17. Hummingbird,
18. Salt, 19. Keratin, 20. Femur, 21. 7, 22. The Peak District, 23. Chile, 24. Rome,
25. Easter Island, 26. Crocus, 27. Haute cuisine, 28. America, 29. Seaweed, 30. Pork,
31. Jerome K Jerome, 32. Capulet, 33. Impressionism, 34. 5, 35. Alfred Tennyson,
36. Paul Revere, 37. Enigma Code, 38. 1989, 39. The Tomb of Tutankhamen,
40. Anne Boleyn, 41. Citizen Kane, 42. The depth of water, 43. Stoke City F.C.,
44. El Alamein, 45. Writer's cramp, 46. The Pirates of Penzance, 47. The Isle of Wight,
48. The Sea Eagle, 49. Hera, 50. Greek (it means 'far off')

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Aim	Aims	Ism	Mat	Mats	Miser
Mist	Mister	Mite	Mites	Oast	Oat
Oats	Ore	Ores	Resit	Rest	Ret
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Rose	Rosti	Rot	Rota	Rotas	Rots
Sat	Set	Sit	Site	Smite	Smiter
Sore	Sot	Store	Taste	Taster	Test
Tie	Ties	Toast	Toaster	Toe	Toes
Tor	Tors	Estimator (51)			

Cover Picture

From the grass island looking down the road to Badwell Ash. This photo c1920 shows a cottage on the right where now a house stands.

More or Less

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

Su-Doku

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

Crossword

S	T	A	I	R	S	I	S	I	S
O		F				S		U	I
M	A	T	E			C	H	A	R
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P		S		S		T		S	R
H			A	S	P	E	C	T	S
Y		P		A		R		R	N
S	P	O	N	G	E		M	I	N
I		O		E				K	S
C	A	P	E		S	T	E	E	R

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Ian Bartholomew	01359-258349	Ixworth	01359-230252
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Police		Botesdale	01379-898295
Suffolk Police	01473-613500	Woolpit	01359-240298
Stowmarket	01473-383400	Parish Council Chair	
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Rev. Phillip Merry	01359-258806		myzen.co.uk
	07526 271784	District Councillor	
Anglian Water		Richard Meyer	01359-251760
Emergencies (24hr)	0845 7145145	County Councillor	07771 703668
Accounts	0800 919155	Mrs Jessica Flemming	01449-711065
Eastern Electricity	0800 7838838	Suffolk County Council	03456-066067
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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 co-ordination of responses and is especially important if someone is living alone even if the only requirement is to keep a close eye.

Kevin Boardley | Clerk to Parish Council | Walsham le Willows

Send email to | clerk@walshampc.myzen.co.uk

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.